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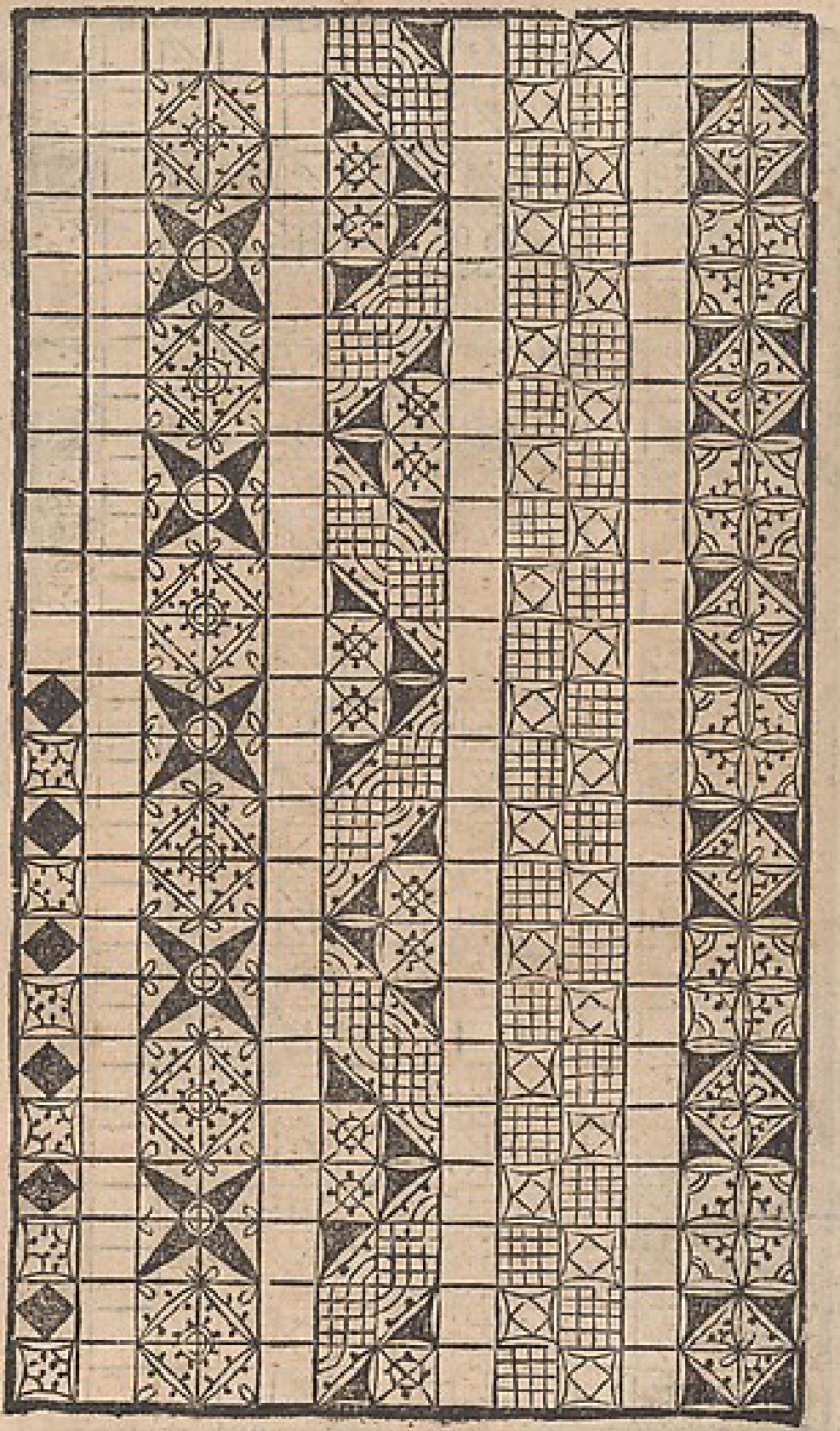
OPERA NOVA NELLA quale trouerai varie sorte de frisi, cõ liquali si potra ornar ciascũa dõna, & ogni letto, cõ ponti Tagliati, põti gropposi, e ogn'altra sorte di põti per far tutte le belle opere che si appertégono alle virtuose, & lodeuoli Fanciulle.

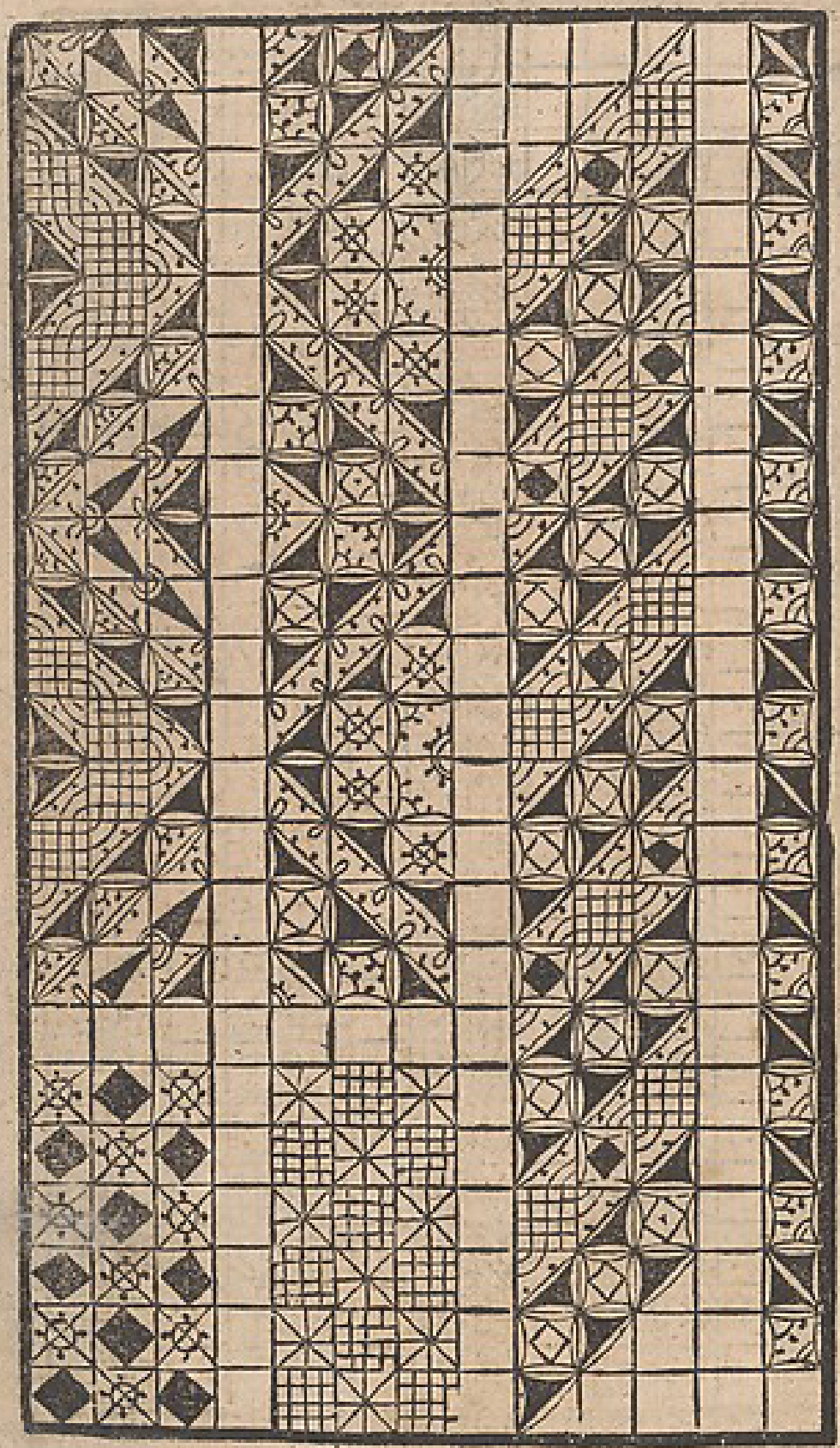
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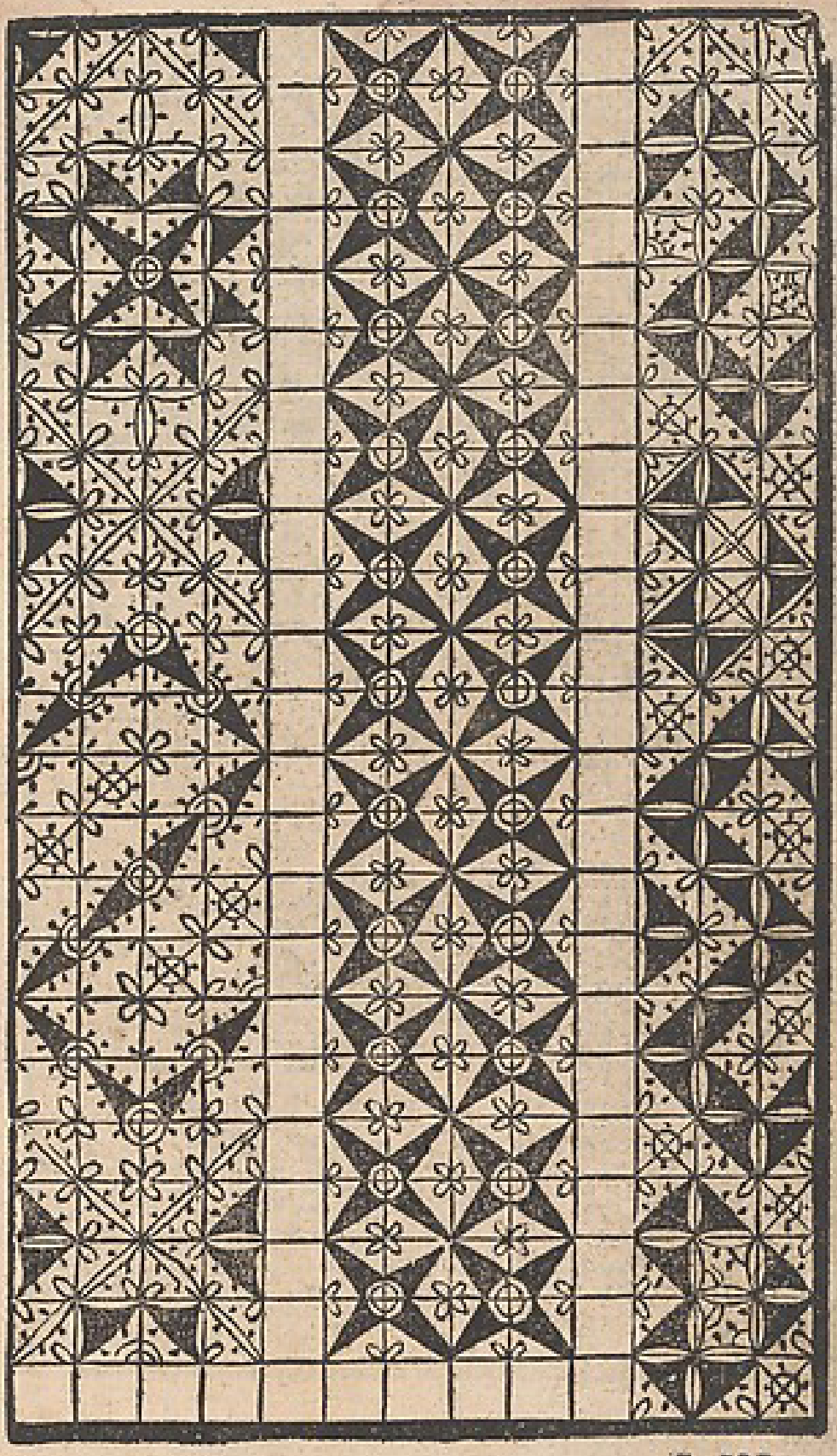
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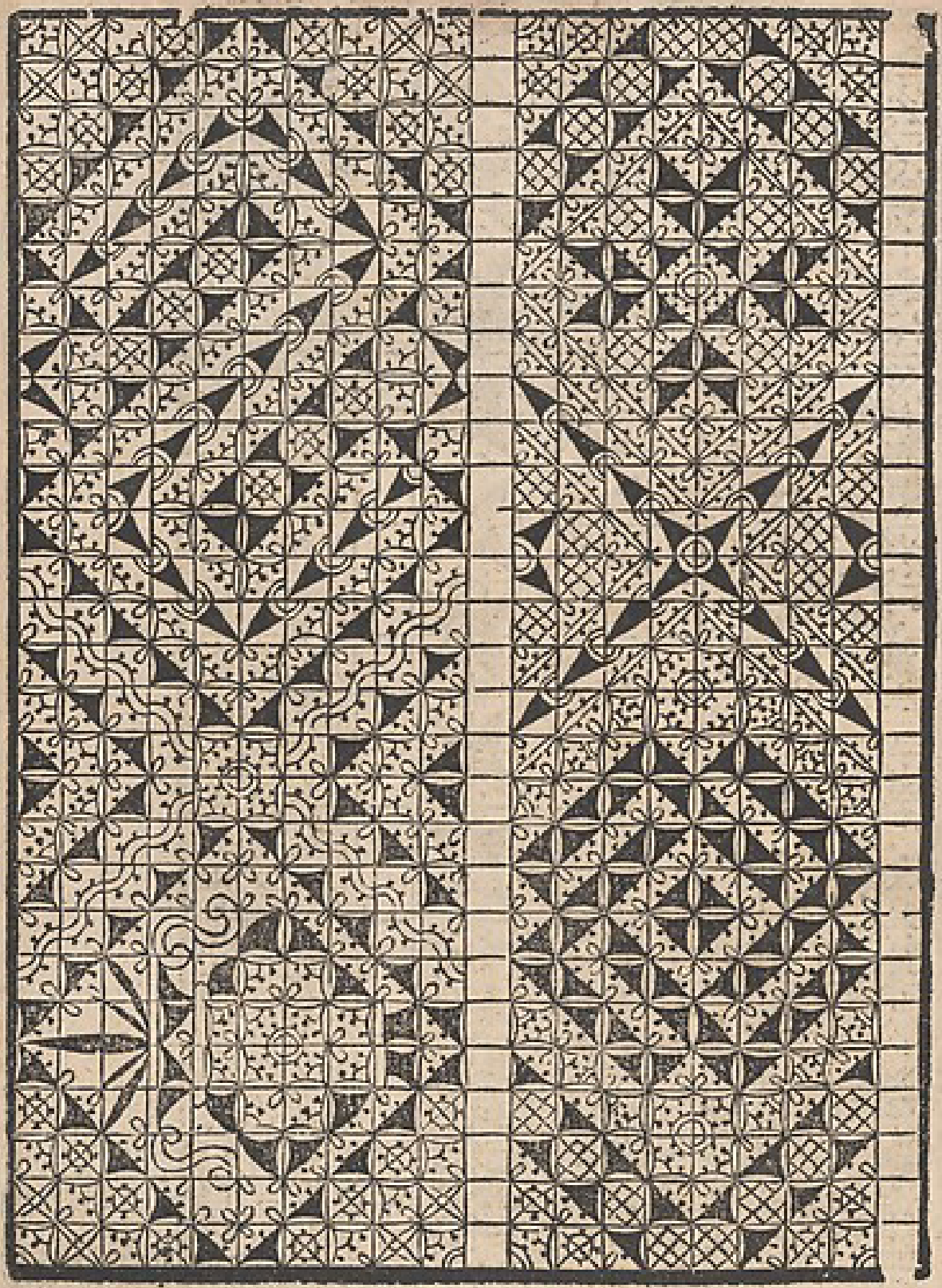
QVANTA Sia la difficulta del ritrouare le cose belle che apportino a gli homini qualche profitto, & diletto, & quāto anchor sia la fatica del disponerle ageuolméte dapoi che sono ritrouate, le prouano ogni giorno i Pittori, Scultori, Poeti, Oratori, & Philosophi, gli quali necessariaméte niun'altra cosa piu studiano che la bella intētione, e l'alta dispositione delle cose; auāti che riducano alcuno loro studio a veruna perfettione. Questo a me hoggi veggio esser auenuto, che gia molt'anni, & quasi dalla mia prima fanciulezza delettandomi di questa muta Poesia, che e il disegno, termine principale della pittura, io gli ho atteso con tanto studio, che dal pouero giardino, & picciolo hortícello del mio debile ingegno raccogliendo i piu bei fiori, & miglior frutti che dentro v'erano, per abellire l'amata vaghezza delle belle dōne, ho composto questo amoroso libretto di vari sorte di recami, a guisa d'una ghirlāda di bellissimi, & soauissimi fiori con testa, laquale per esser non men bella (ardisco di dirlo senza bugia) che se ella fusse d'oro, & di gēme ornata, ho giudicata degna di luce, e meco medesimo pensando a chi indrizandola degnaméte donar la potessi, niuna persona mi e venuta nella méte alla quale piu conuenir si potesse vn cotal dono, che il gran valore d'ambedue voi sorelle, che sete fra le belle, & virtuosissime. A voi dōque come alla chiara fonte, & proprio nido di tutte le gentilezze del mōdo, dedico, & consacro questa mia profitteuole & dilettevole fatica, non gia perch'io stimi voi da me douer imparare alcuna cosa, perch'io so, & sallo il mōdo, che voi oltra le altre vostre rarissime virtu, si di bonta, & honesti costumi, come etiamdio della Musica, fate anchora con l'ago ricamando, cose piu presto miracolose, che possibili. Ma accioche vscendo in luce vna cotal opera, bellissima, & virtuosissima, vadi anchora nelli mani de gli huomoni sotto il chiaro nome delle piu belle, & virtuose sorelle che hoggi di siano al secol nostro. Voi adonq; accetarete il donō con quella fronte, che vi e dato, allegra, & serena, misurādo la grādezza dell'animo, con la bassezza della mia piccola fortuna, laquale allhora incominciata a risplendere, quādo con vn minimo raggio del vostro chiaro splendore, vi degnarete tenerla nel ricco seno della vostra gratia, allaquale senza fine di continuo mi raccomando. Valete.

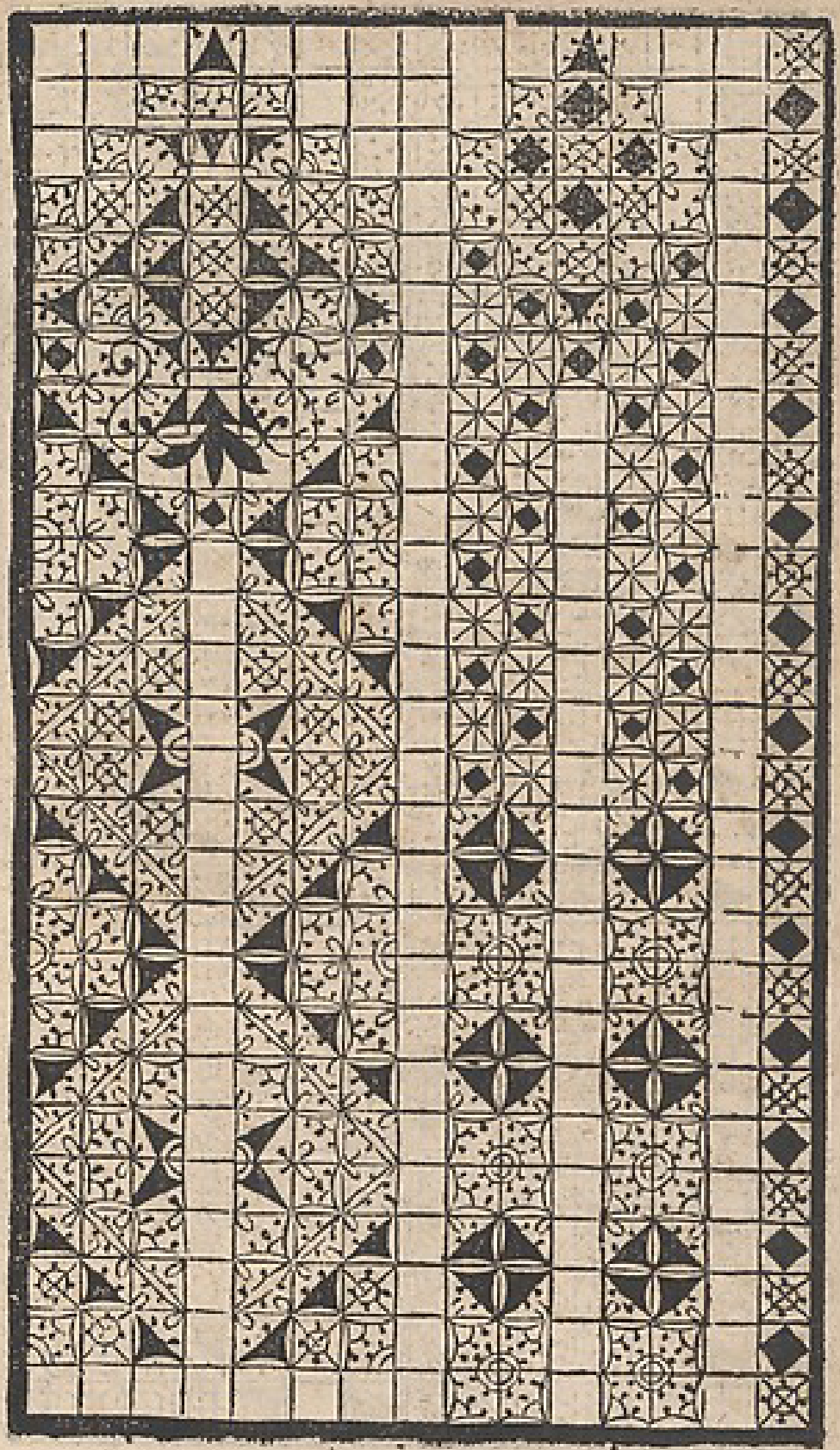
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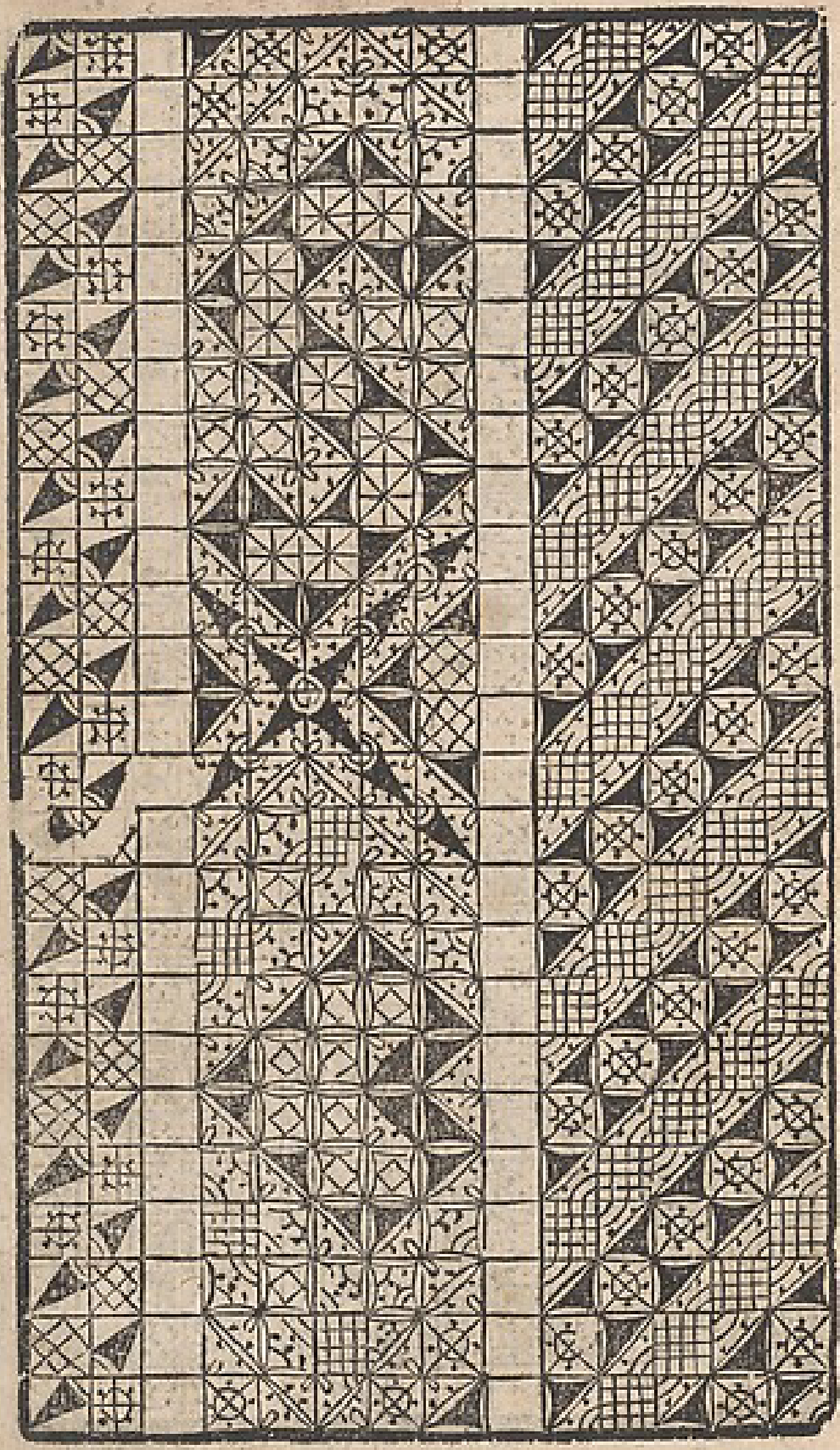


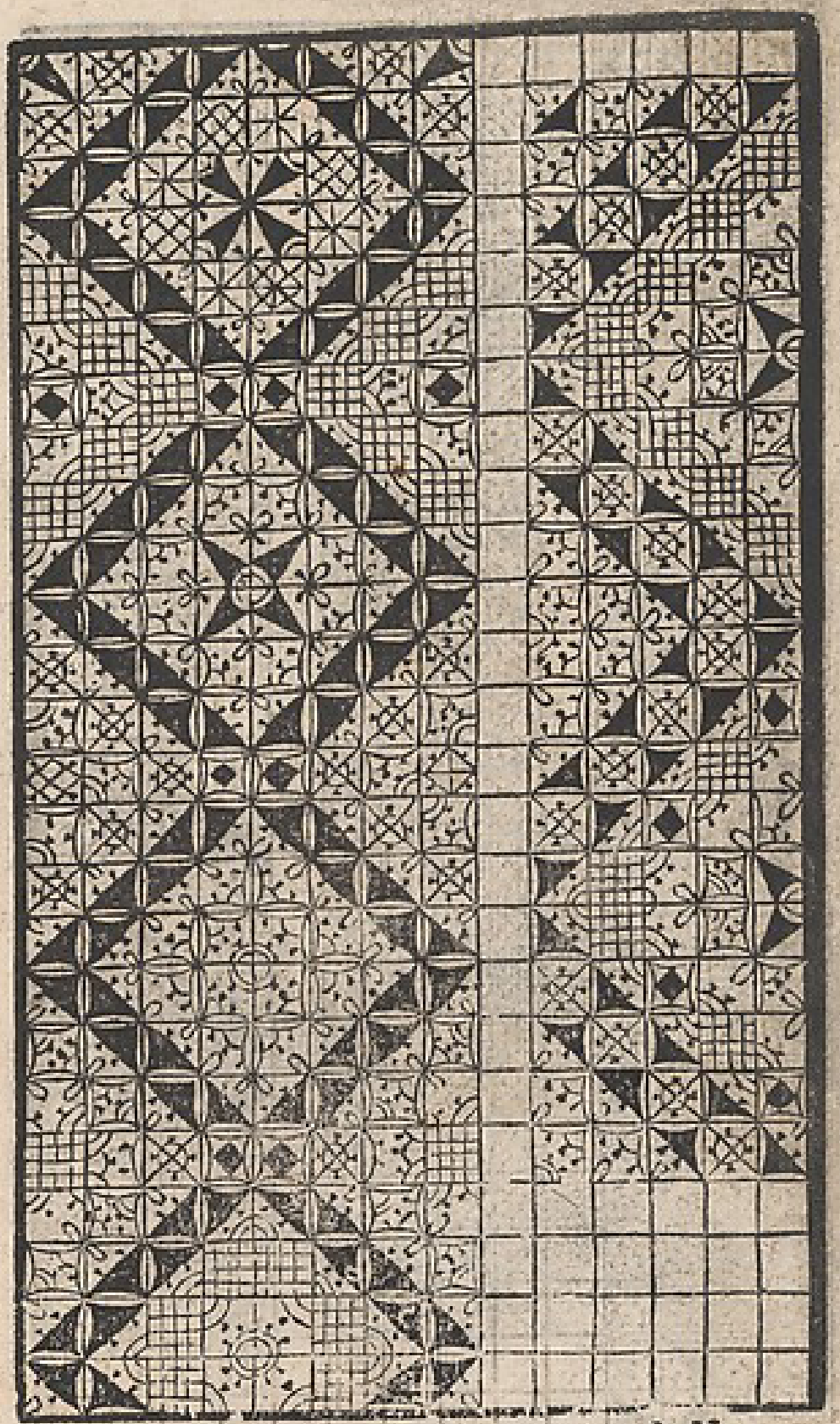




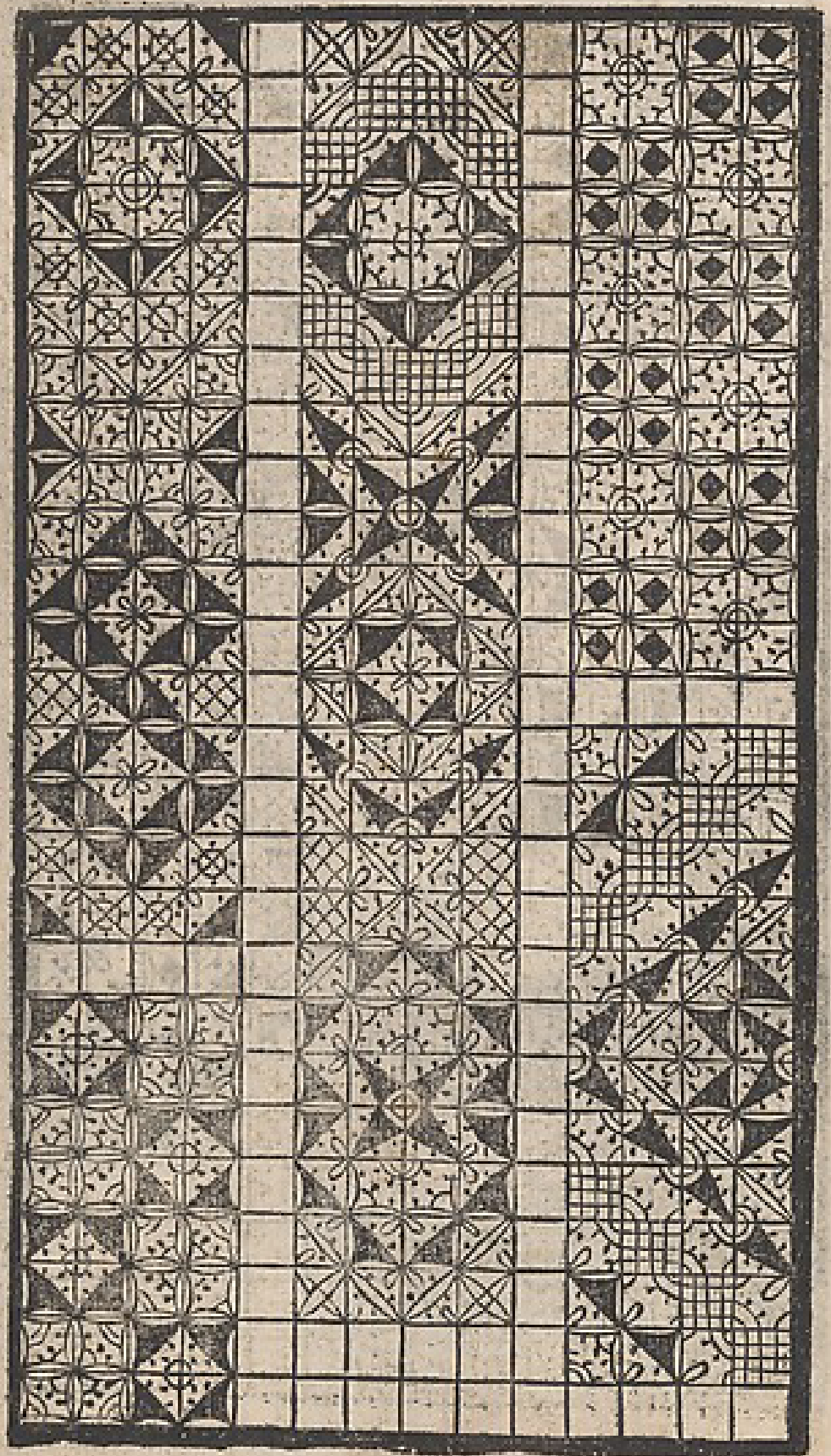


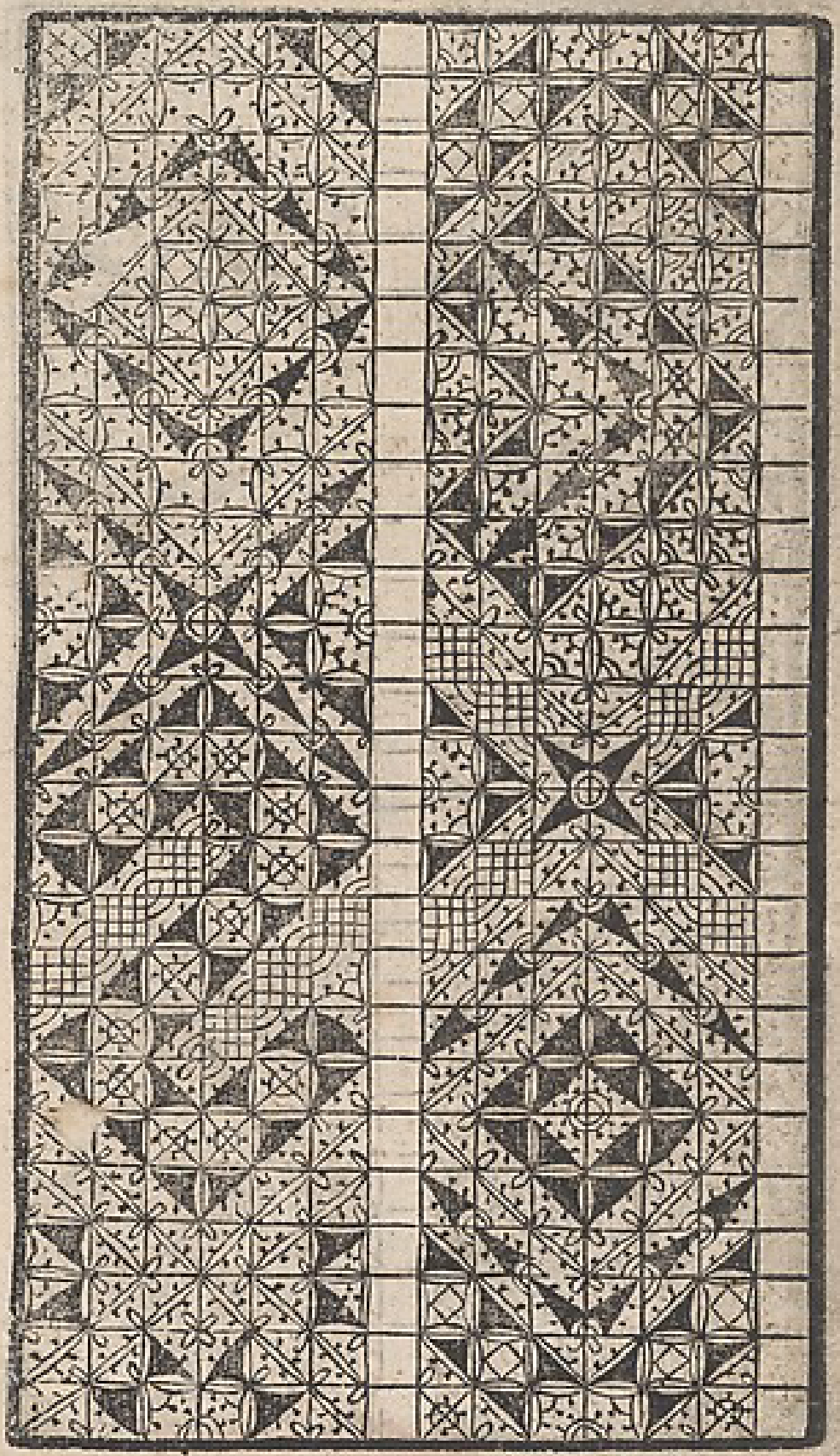




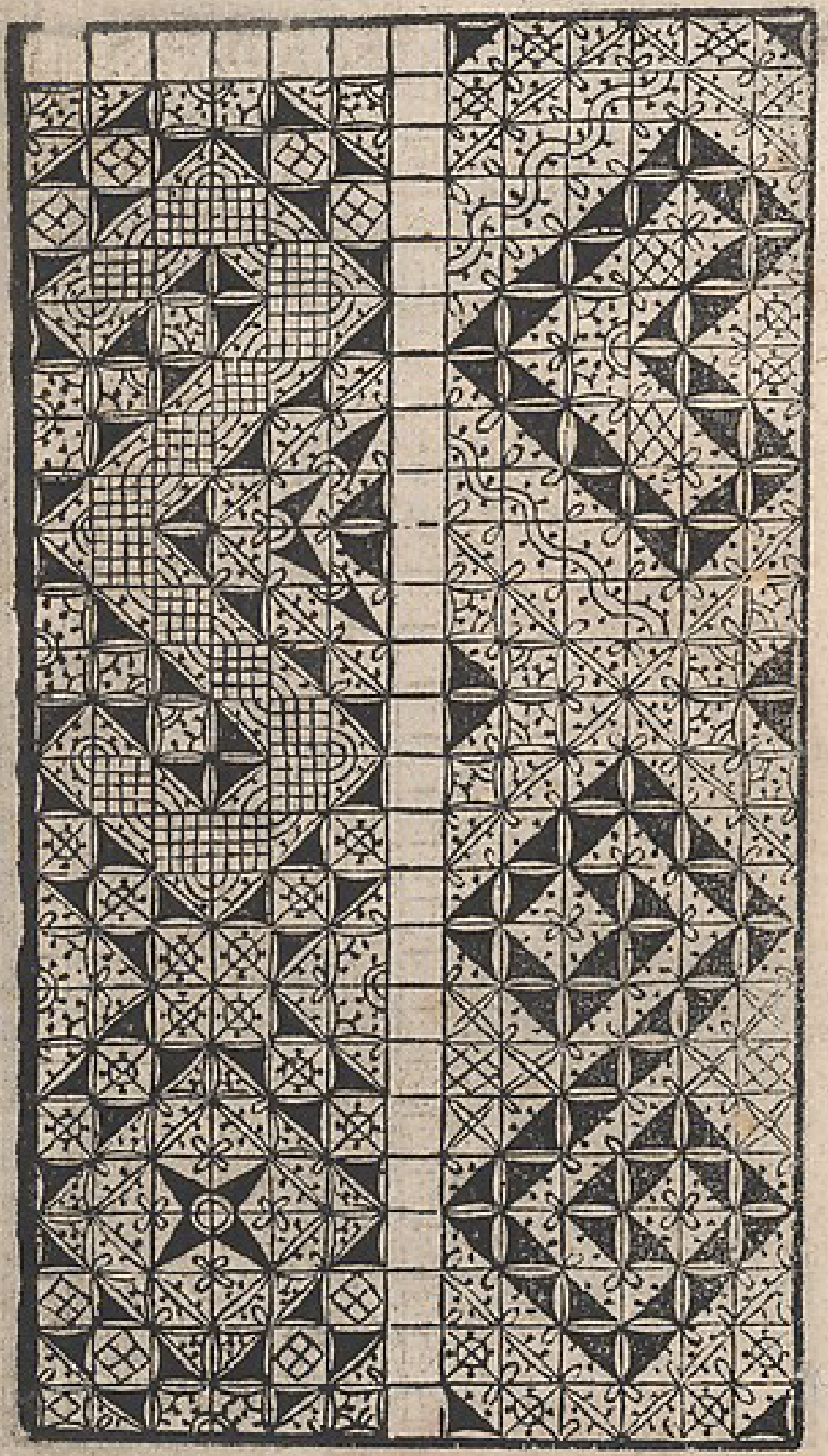


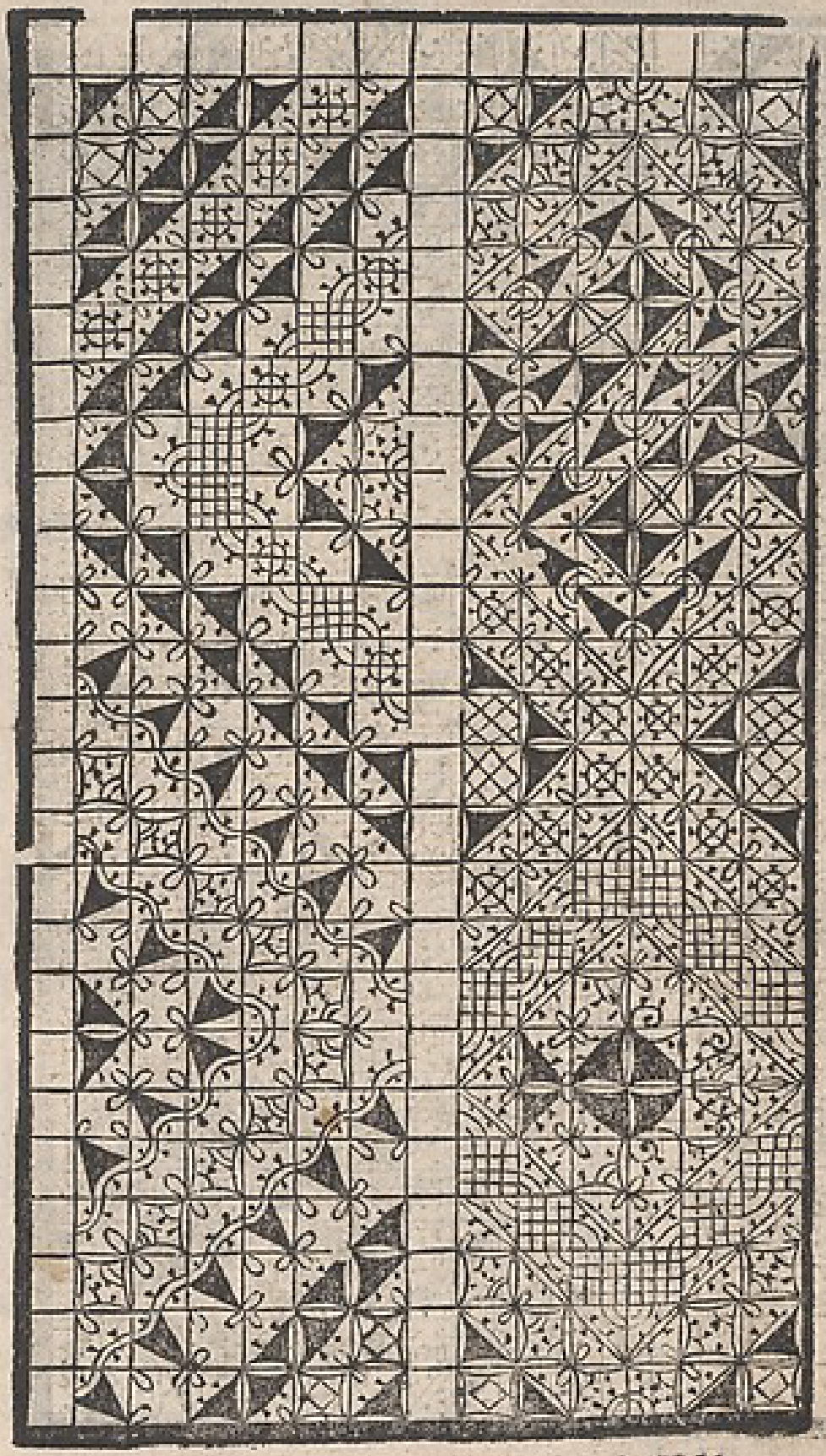
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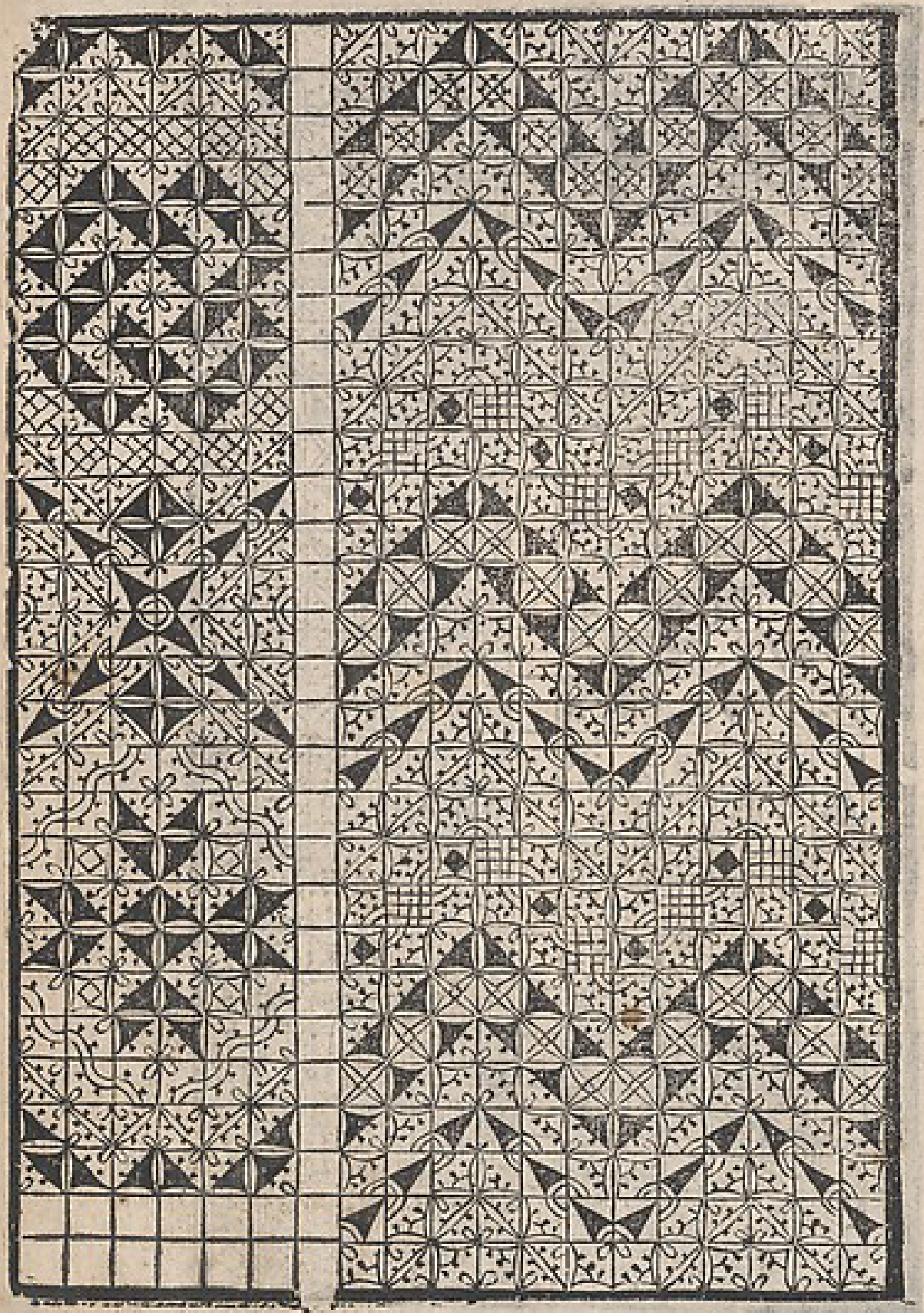


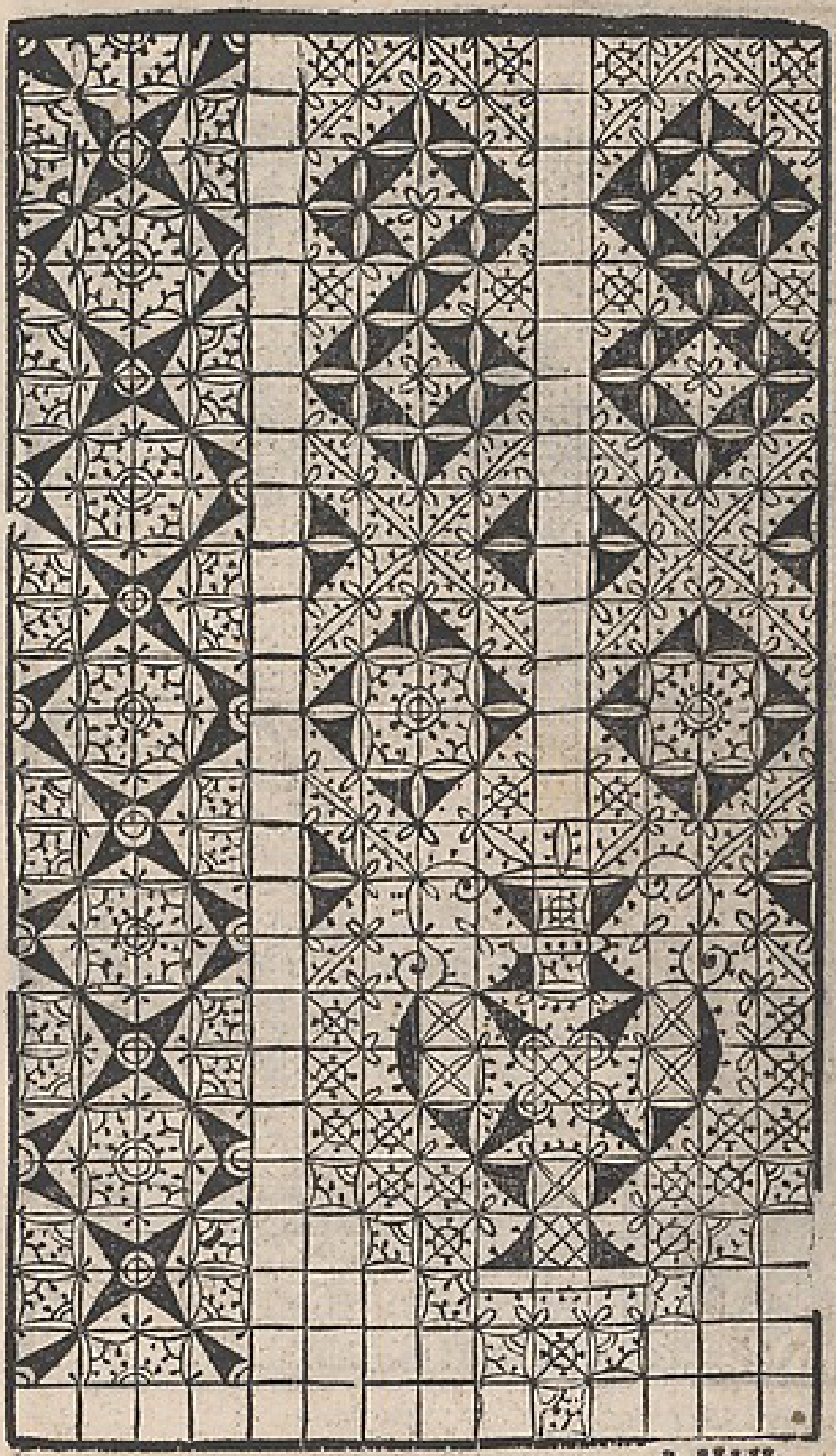
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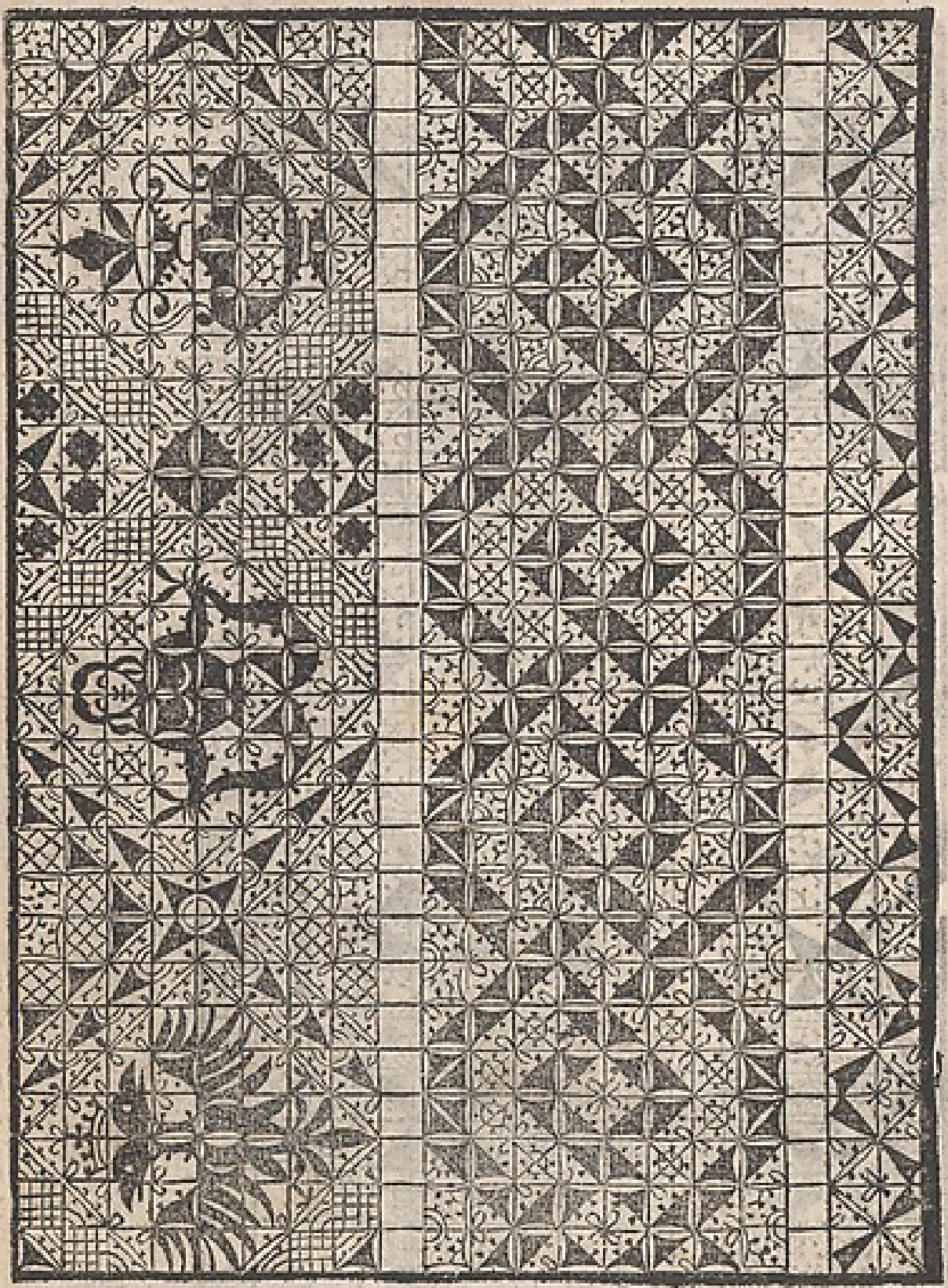


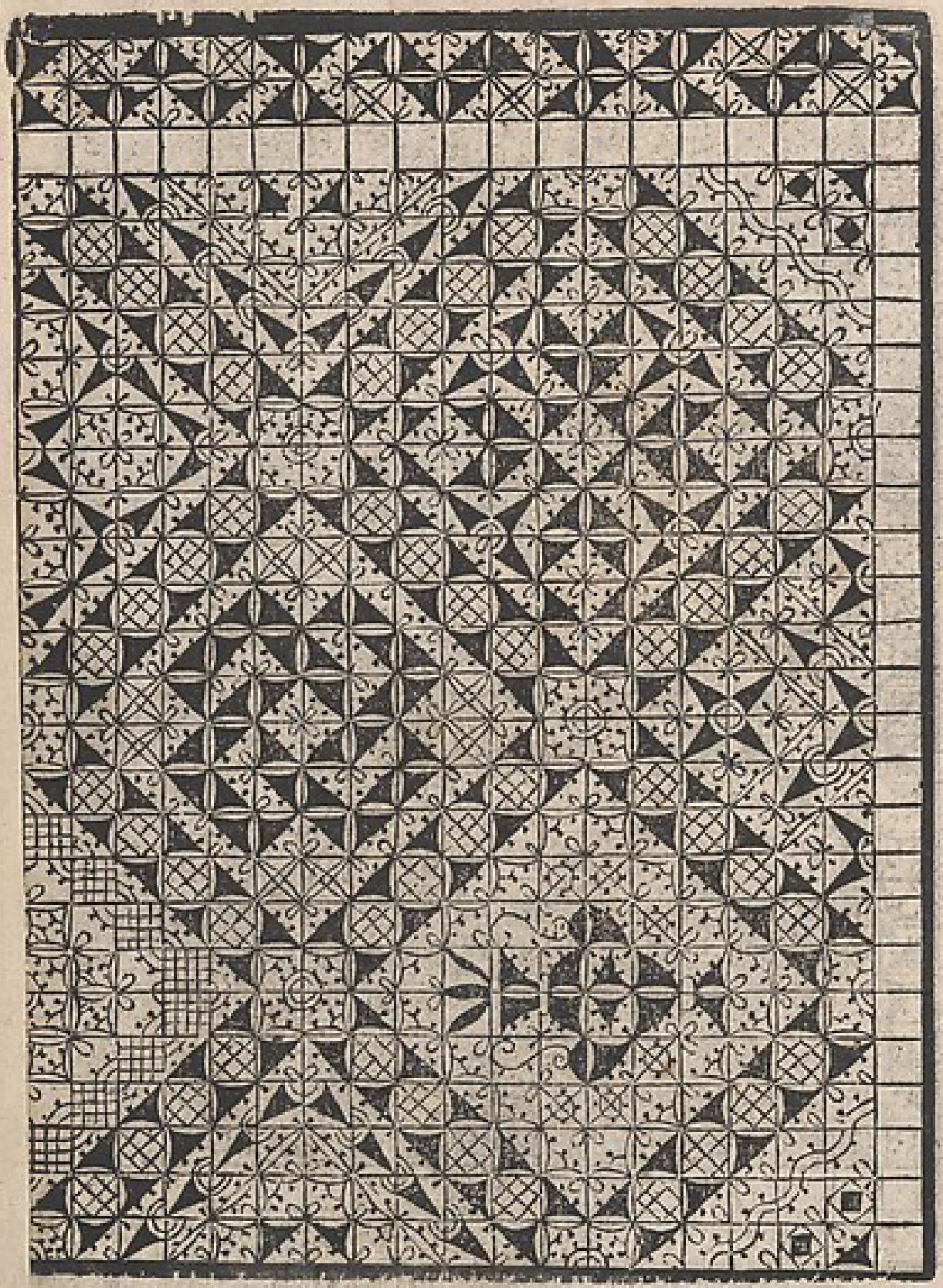
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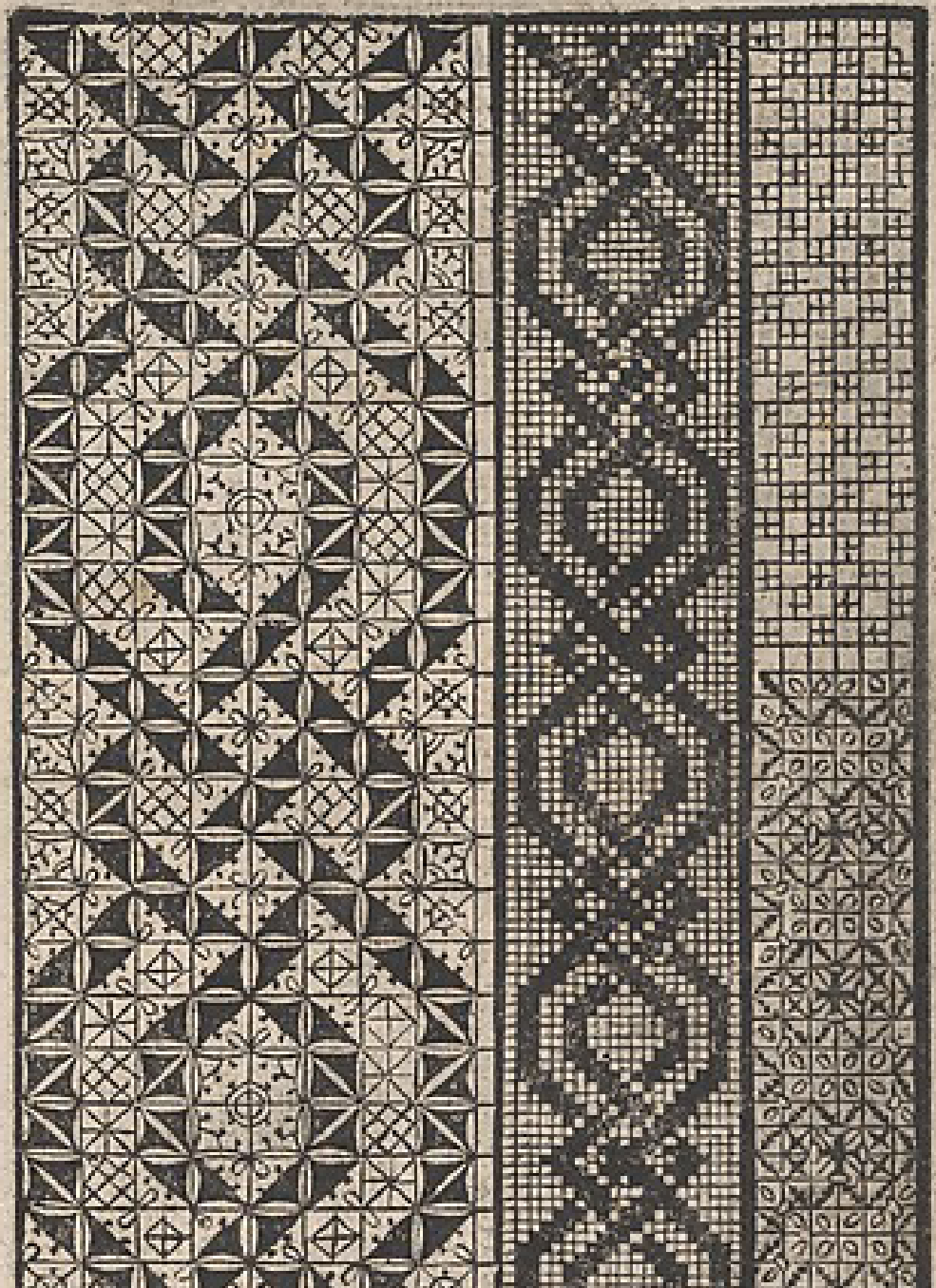




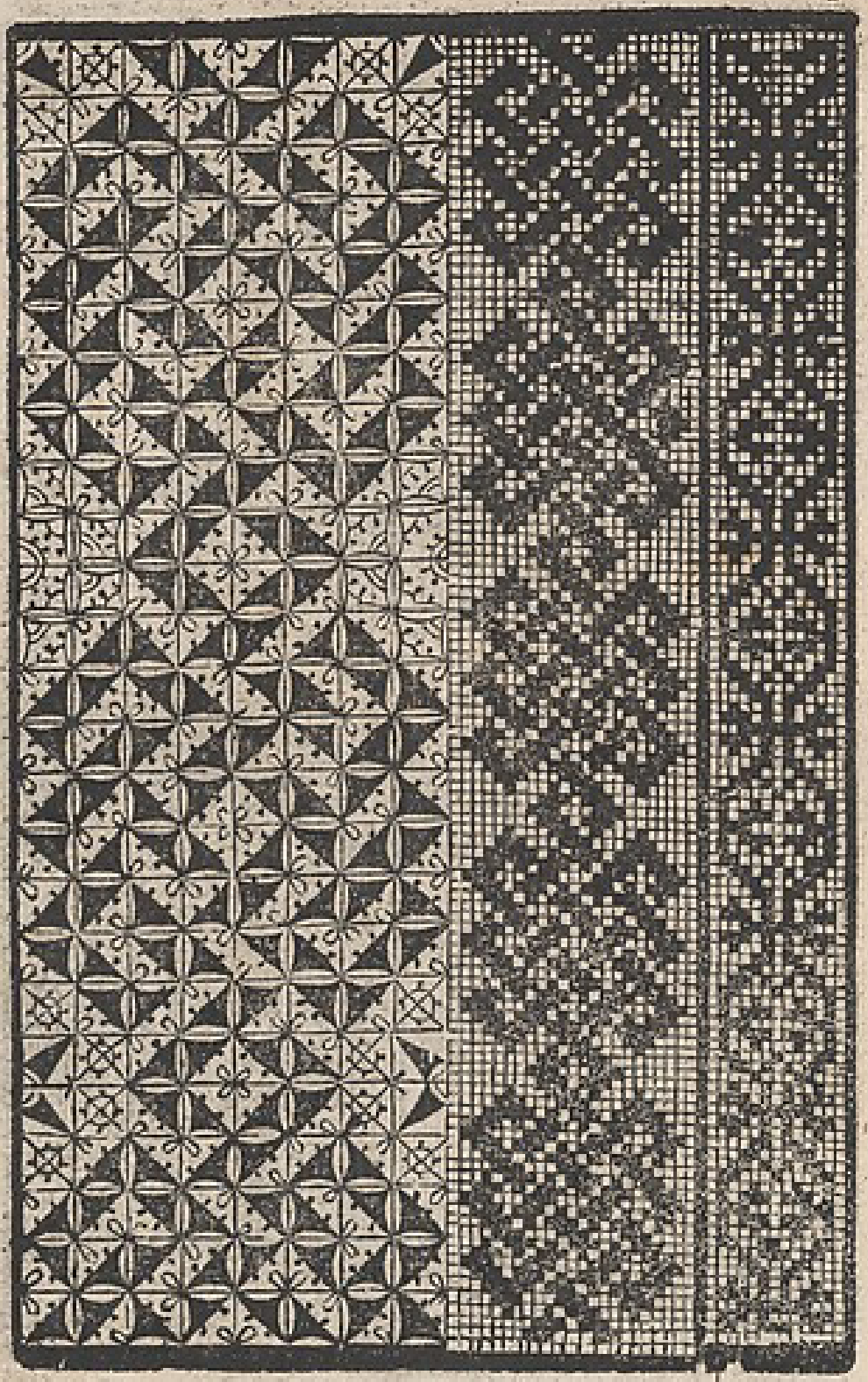
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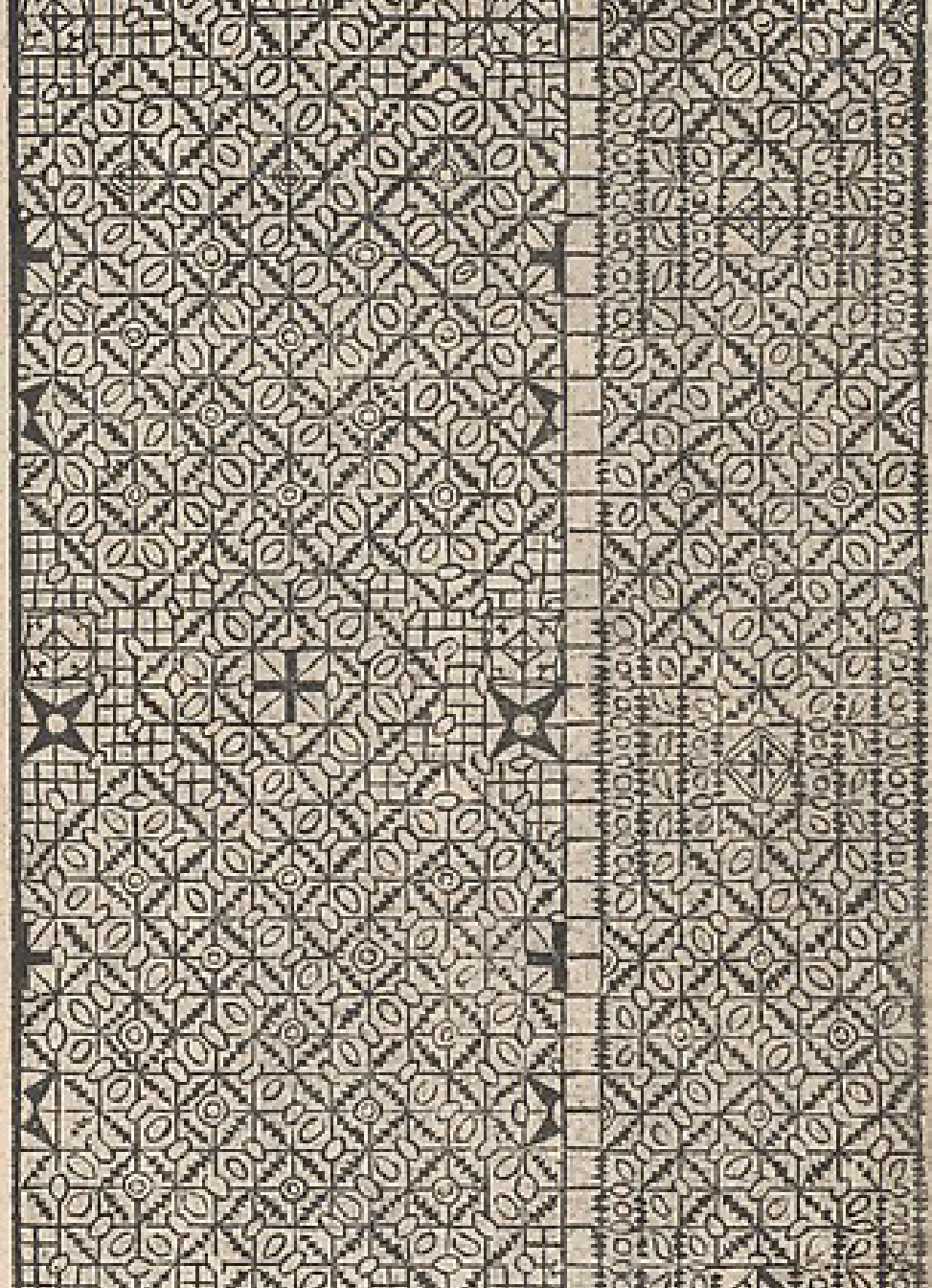




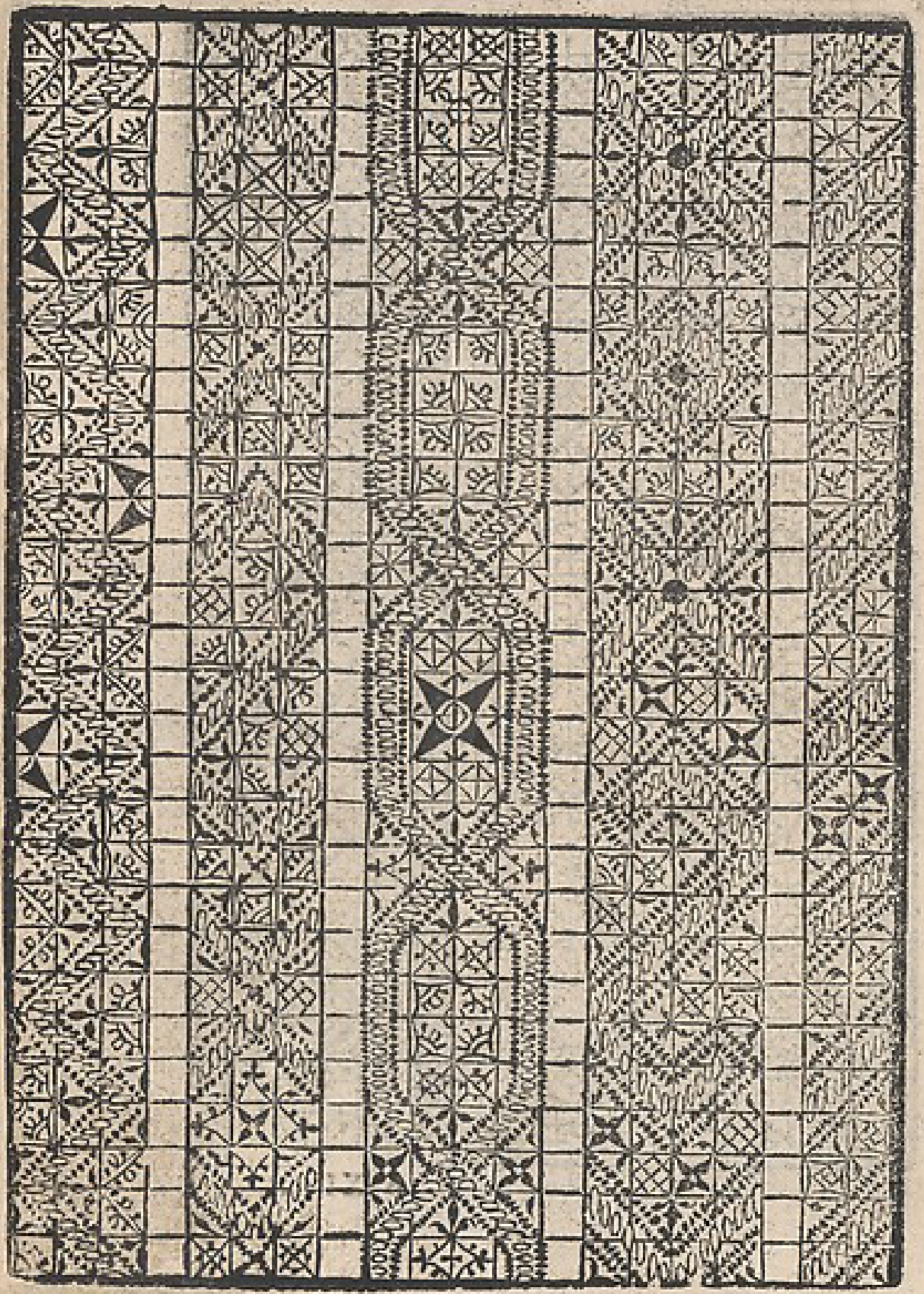


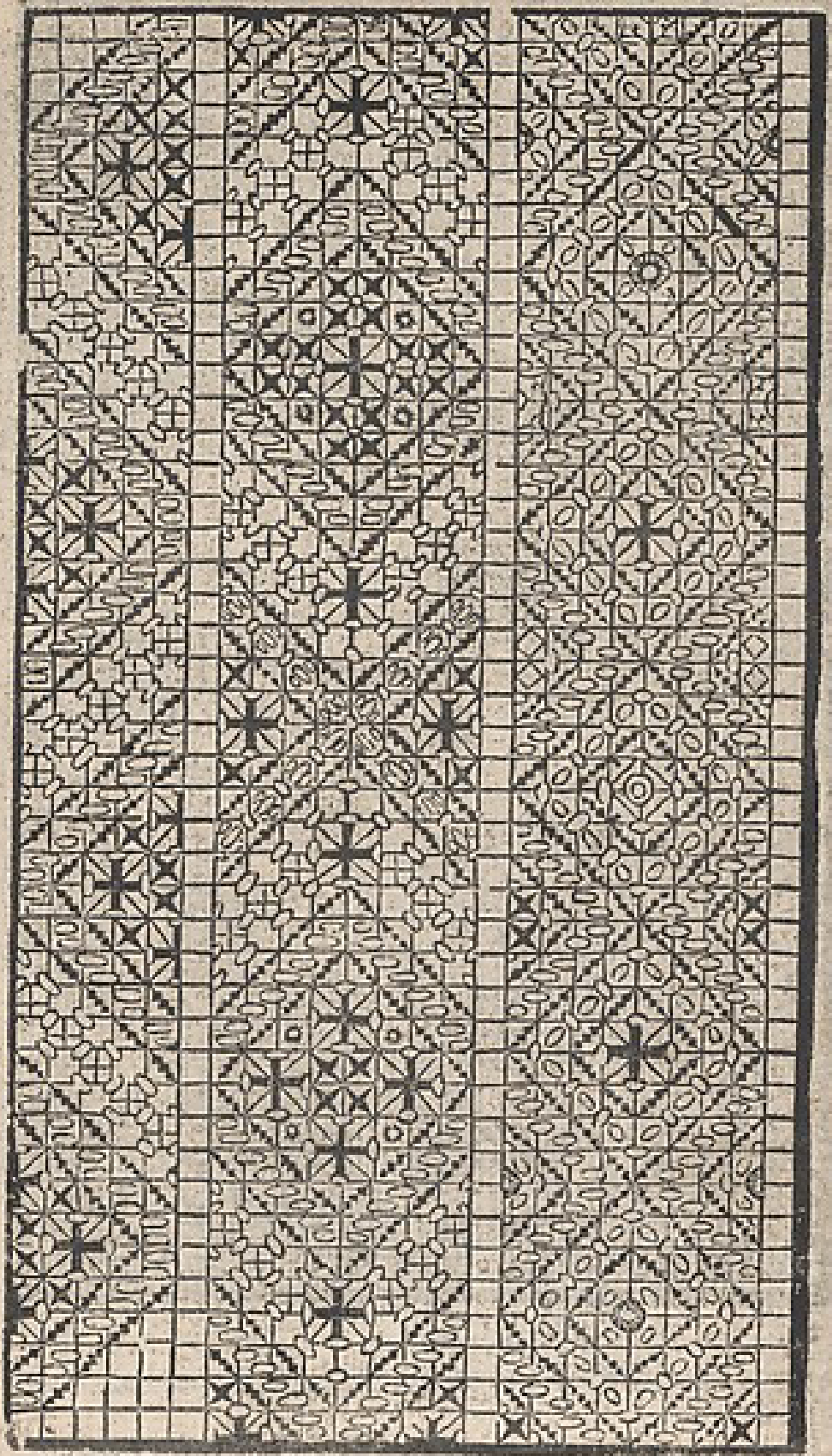
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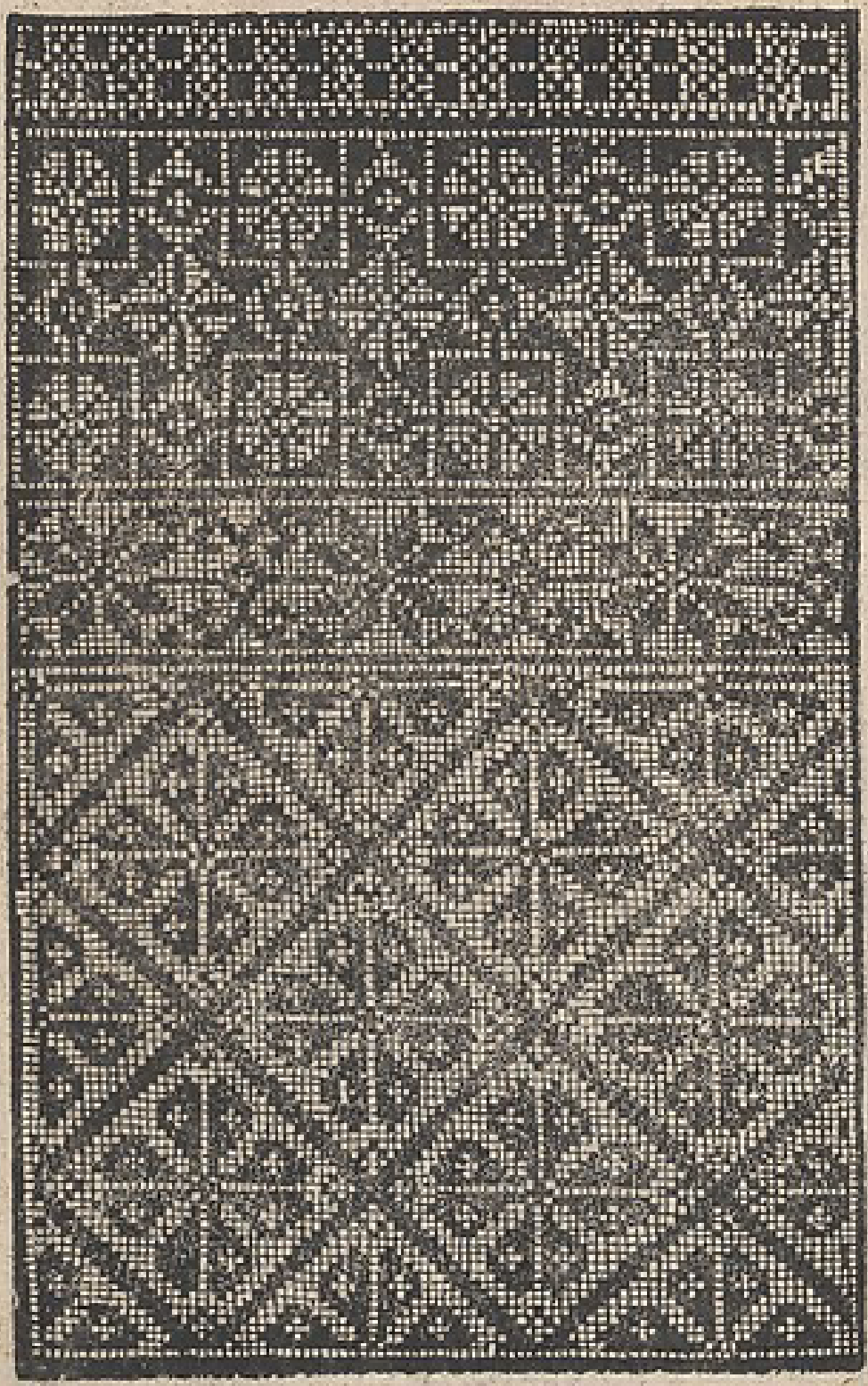


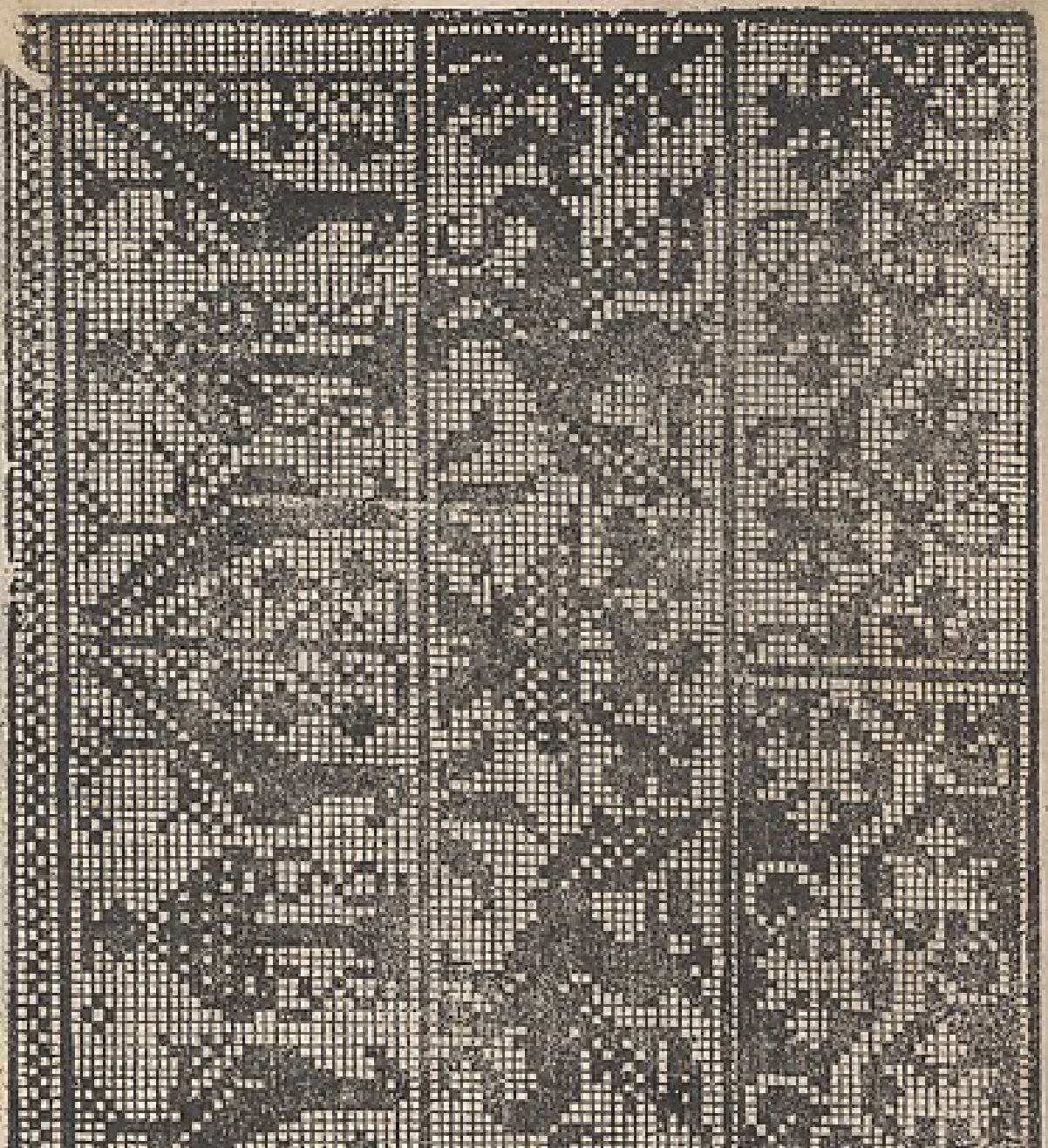
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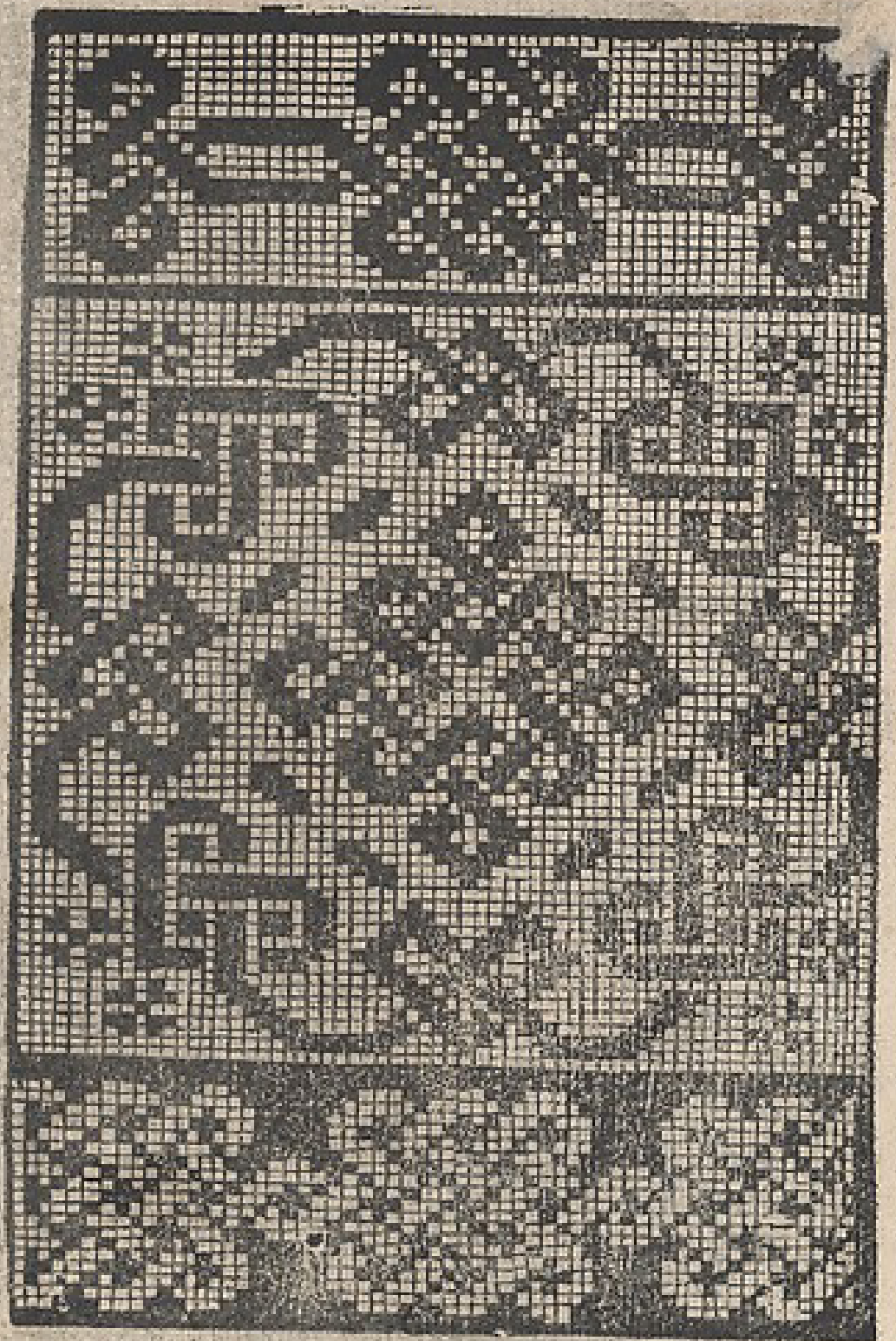


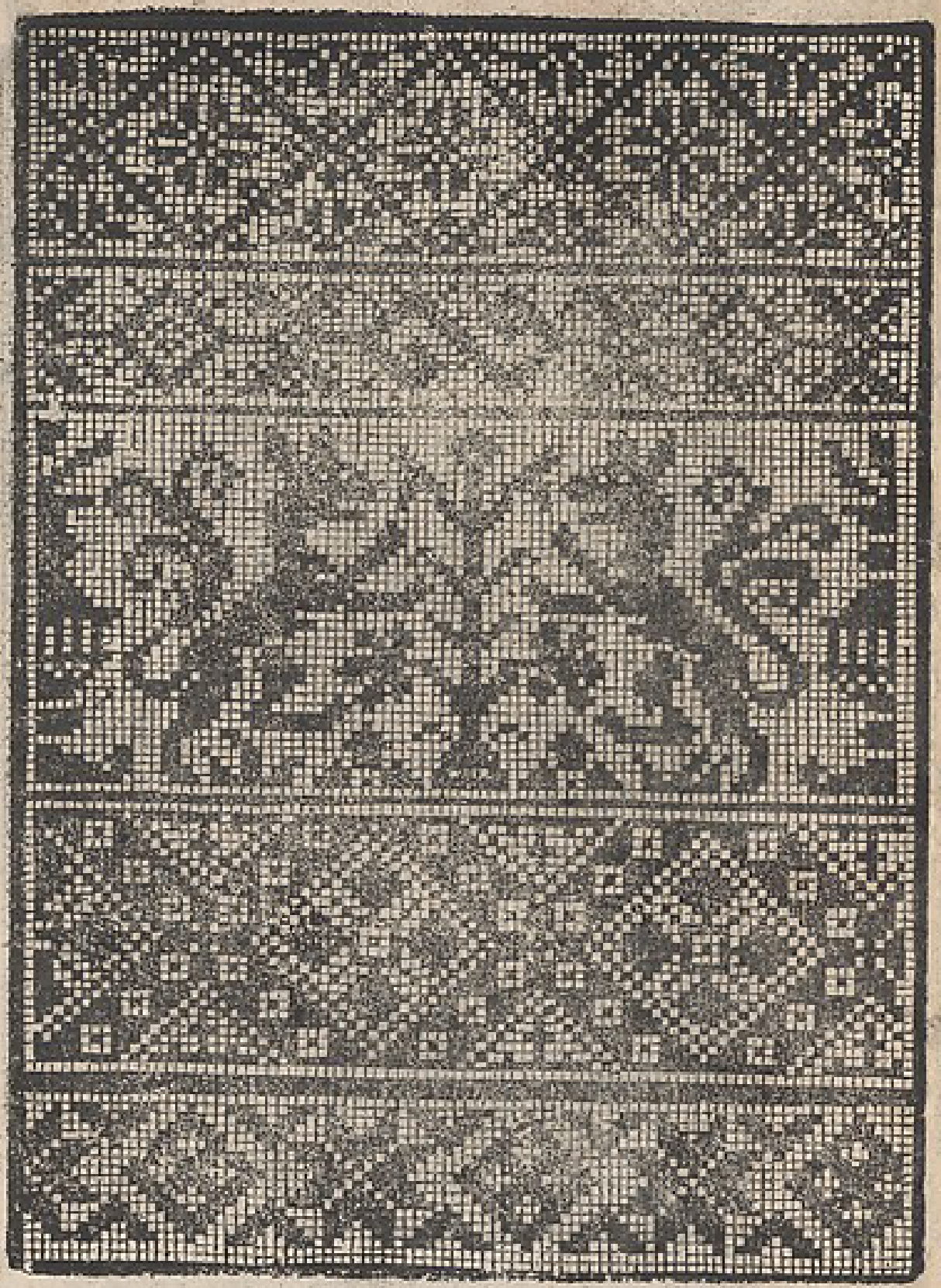


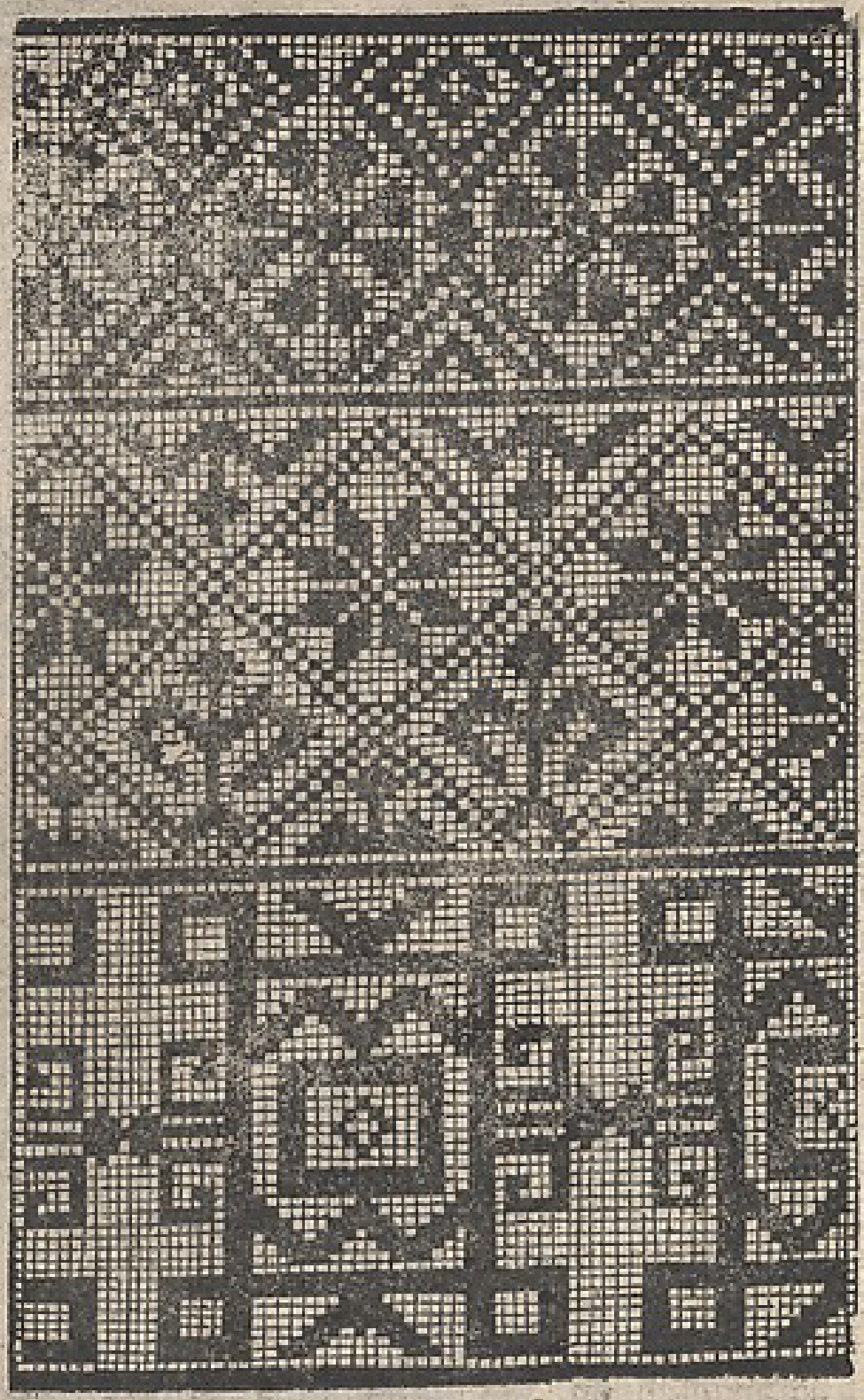
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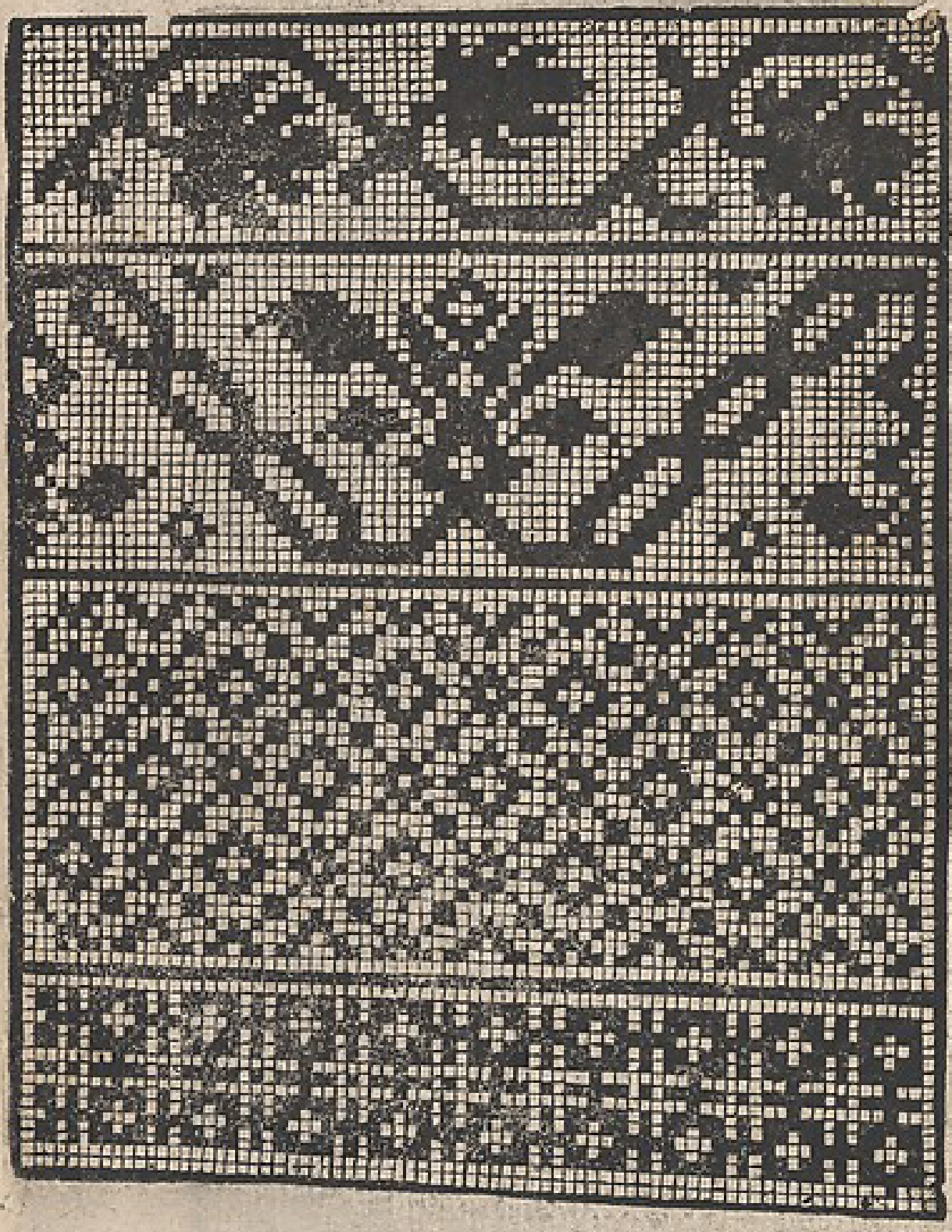


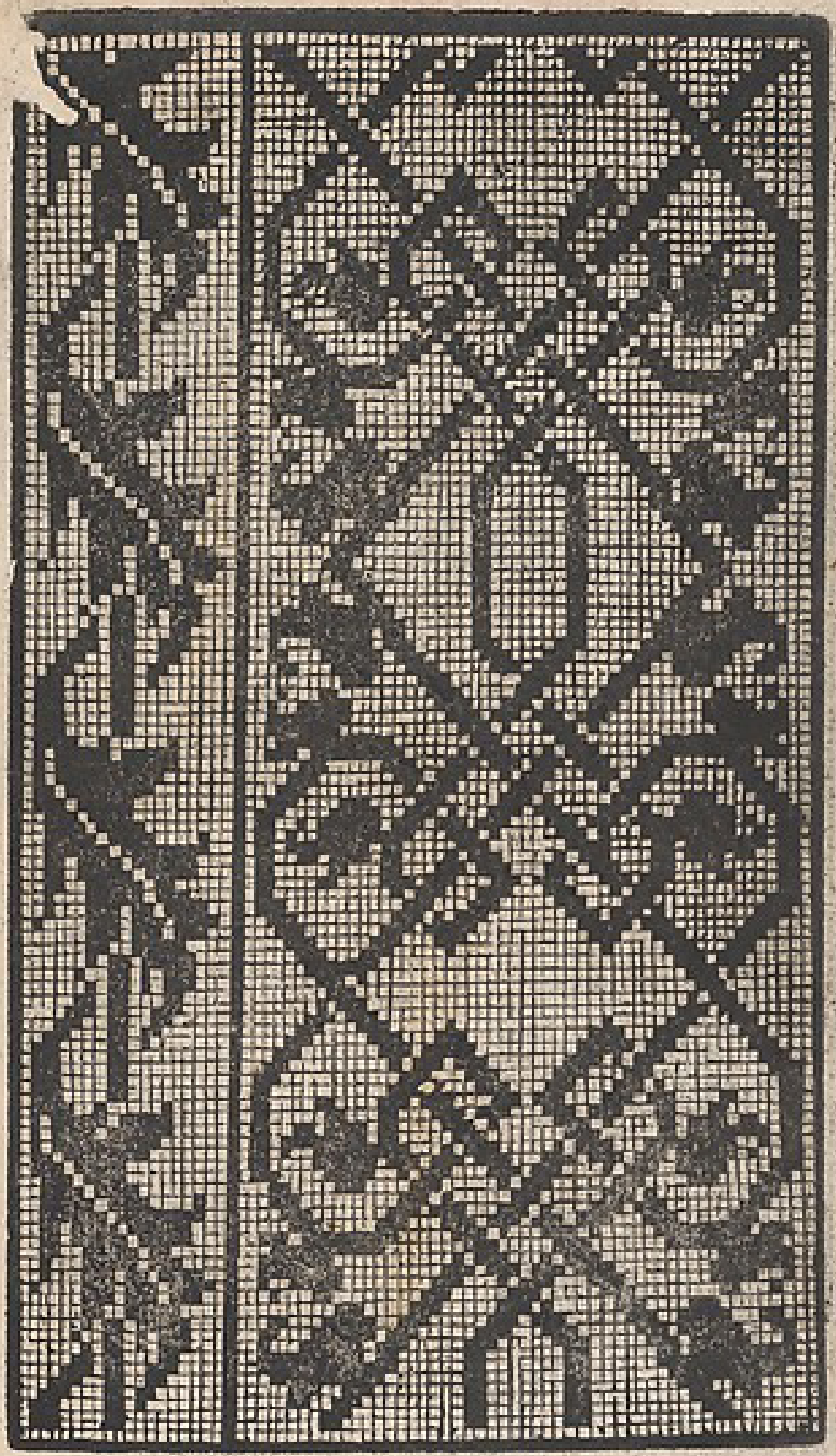


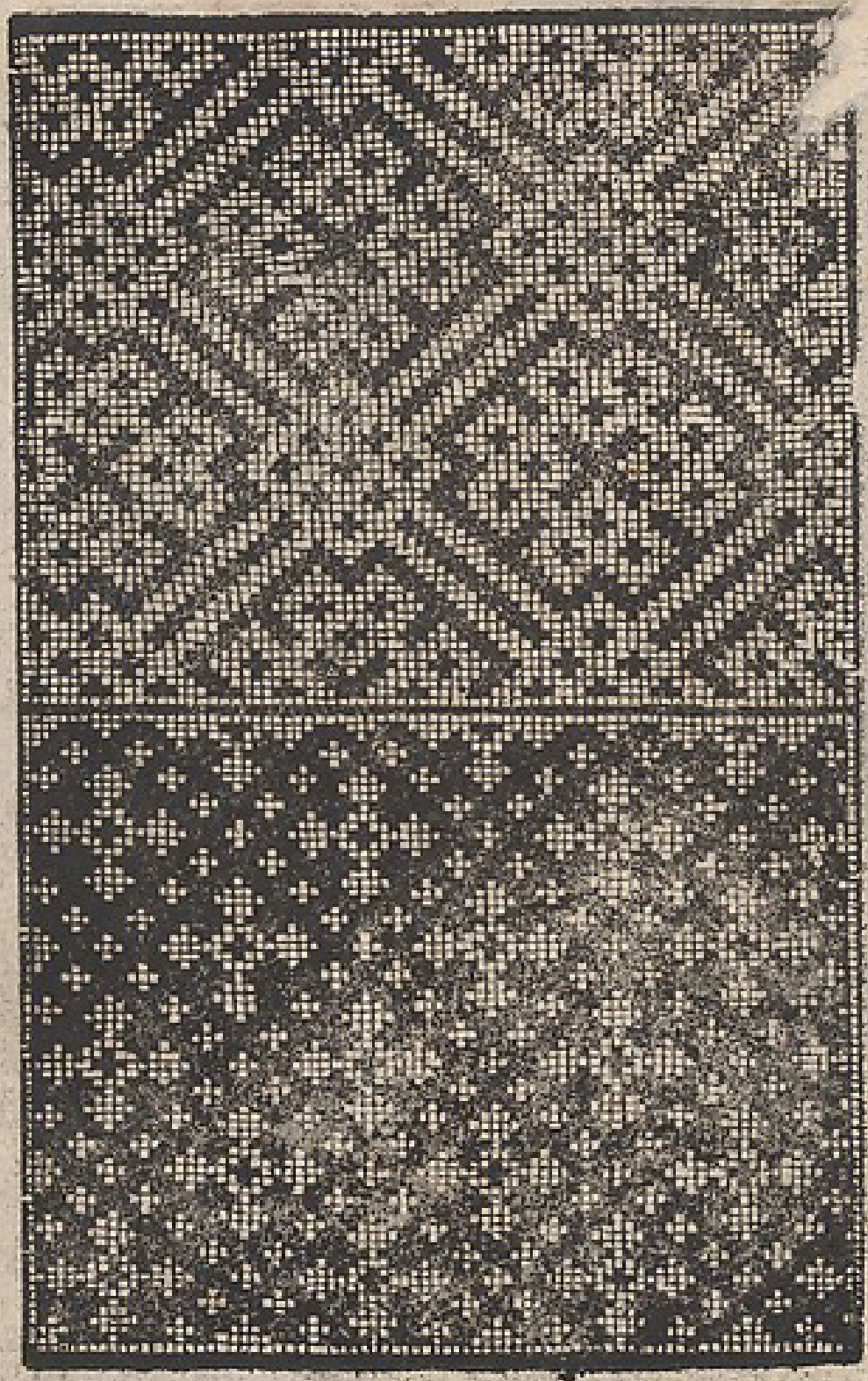


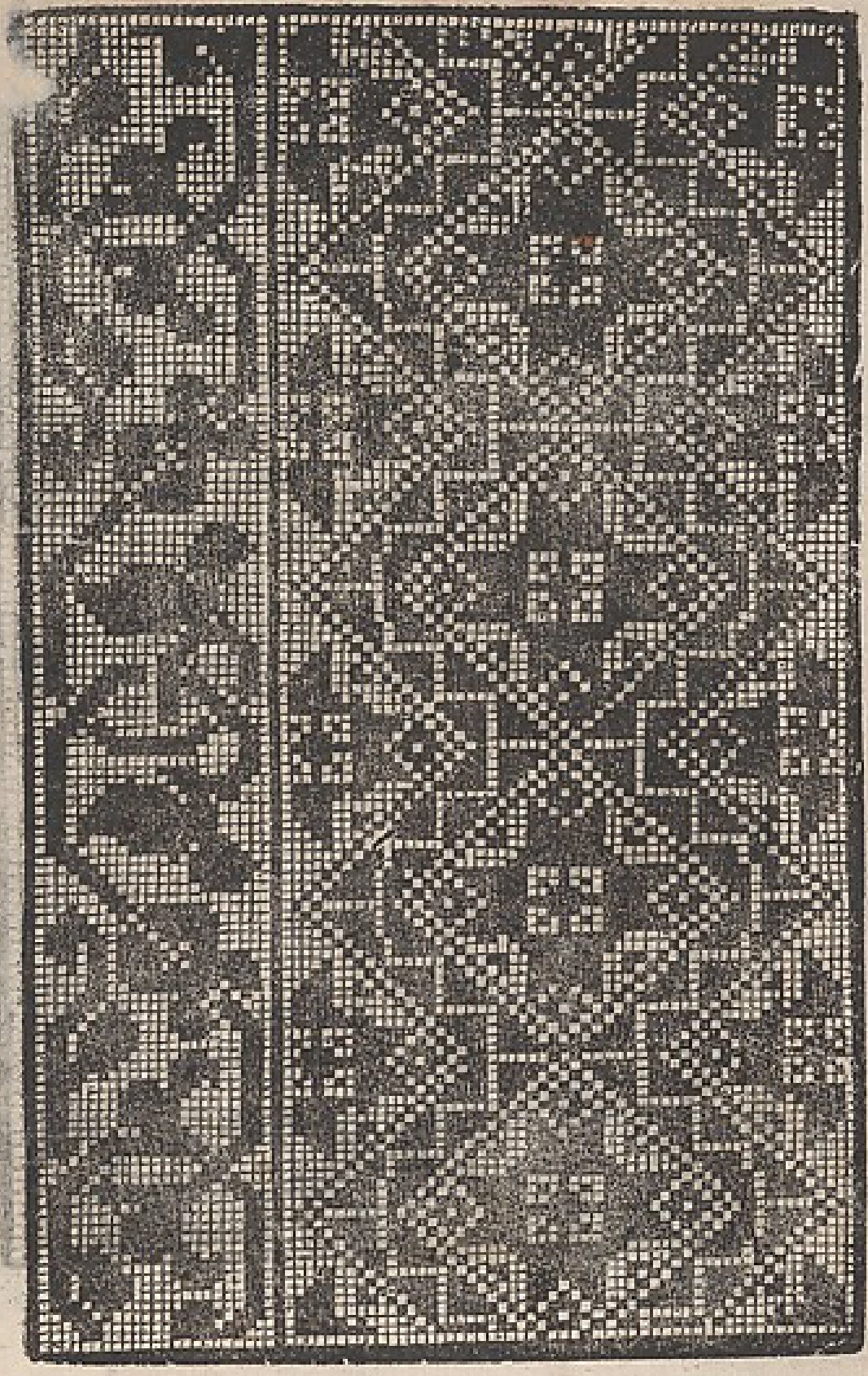




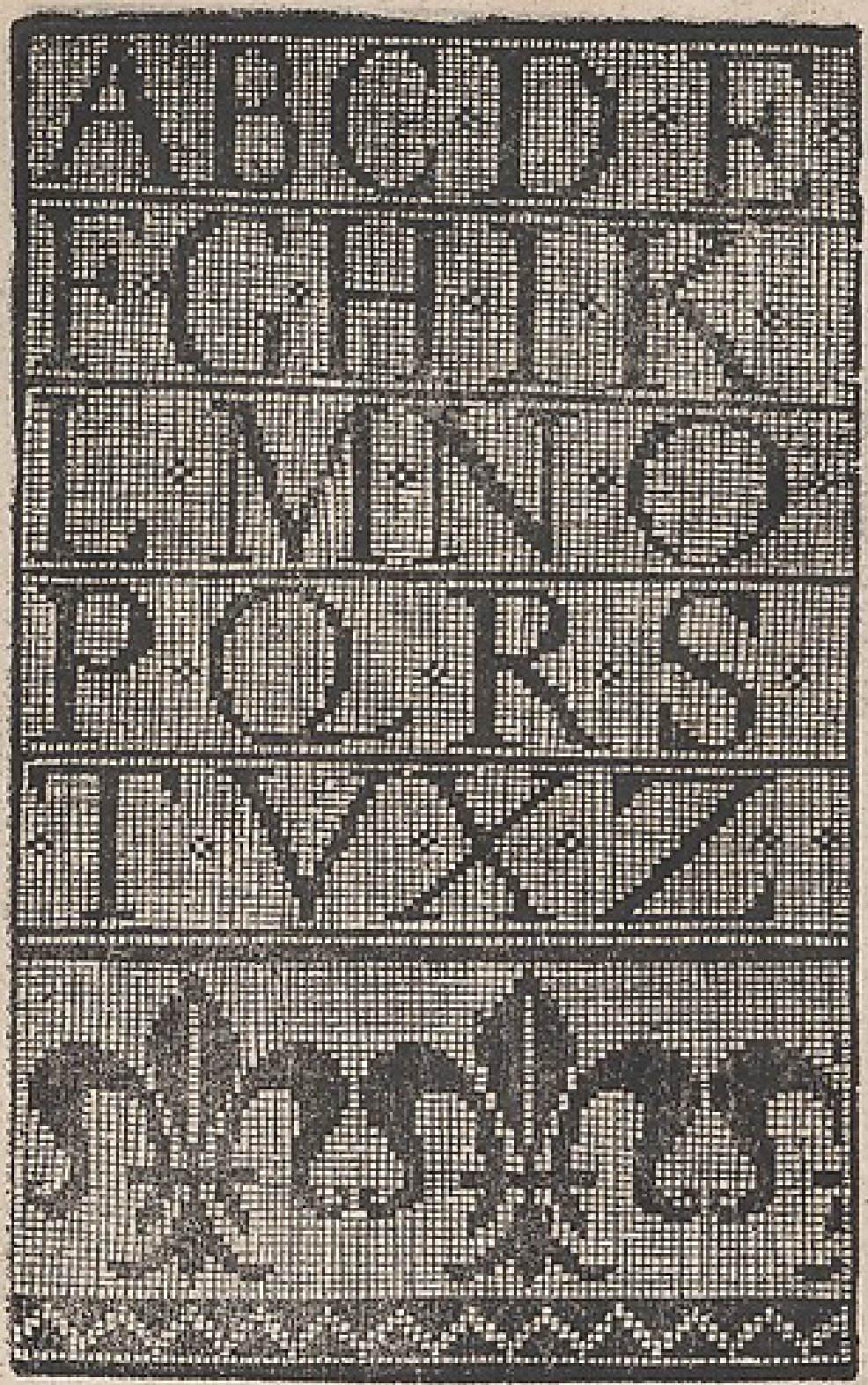


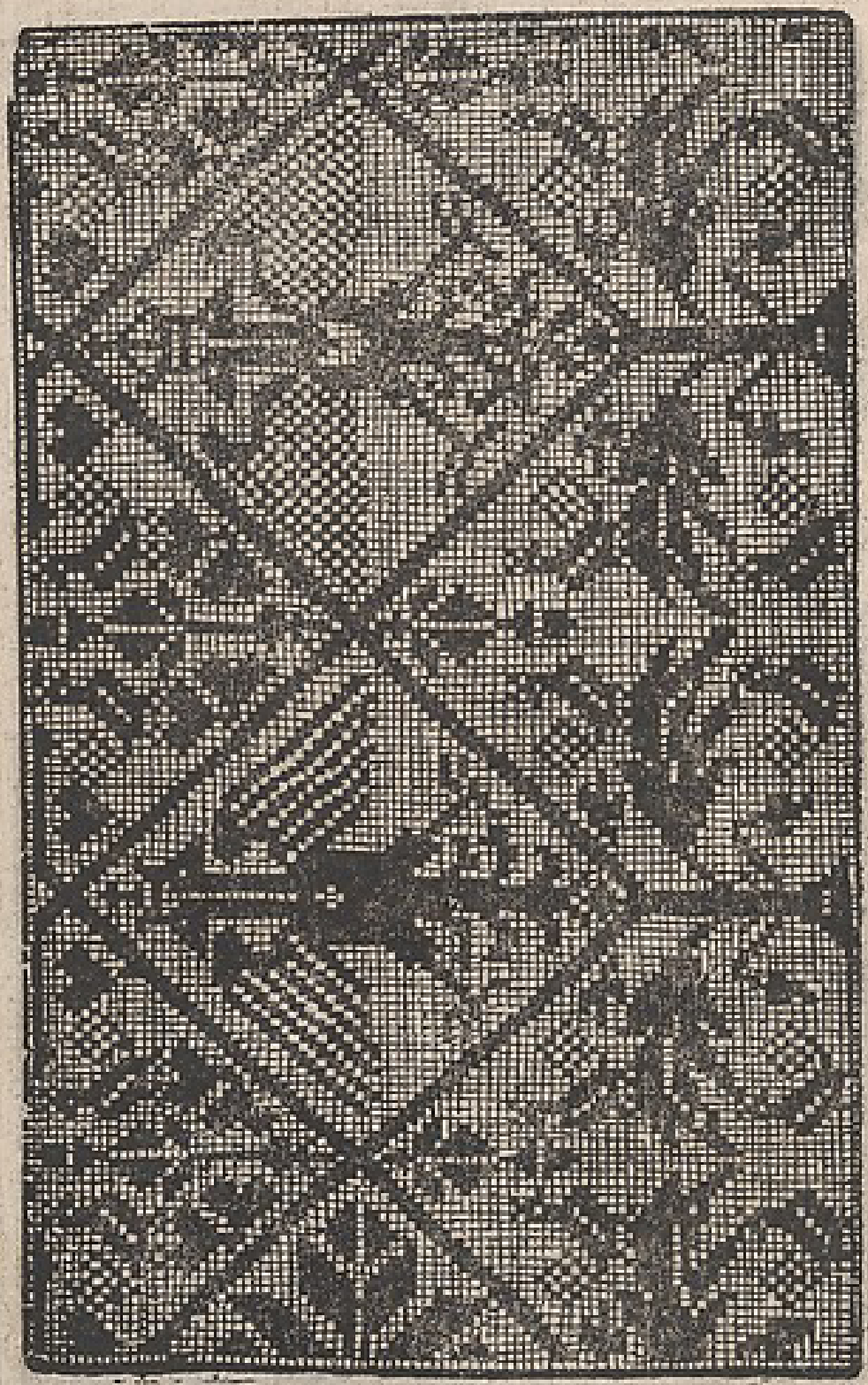


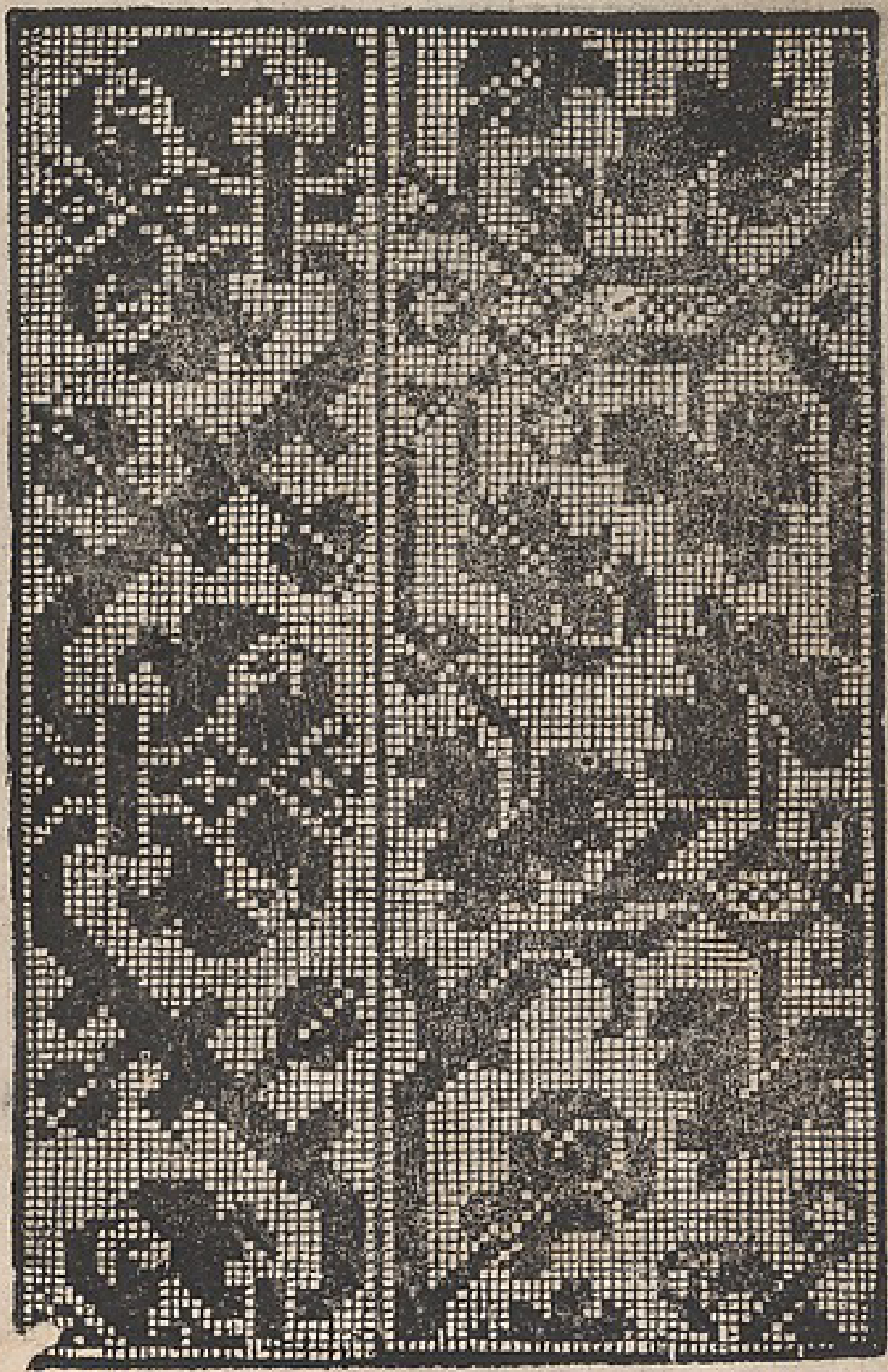


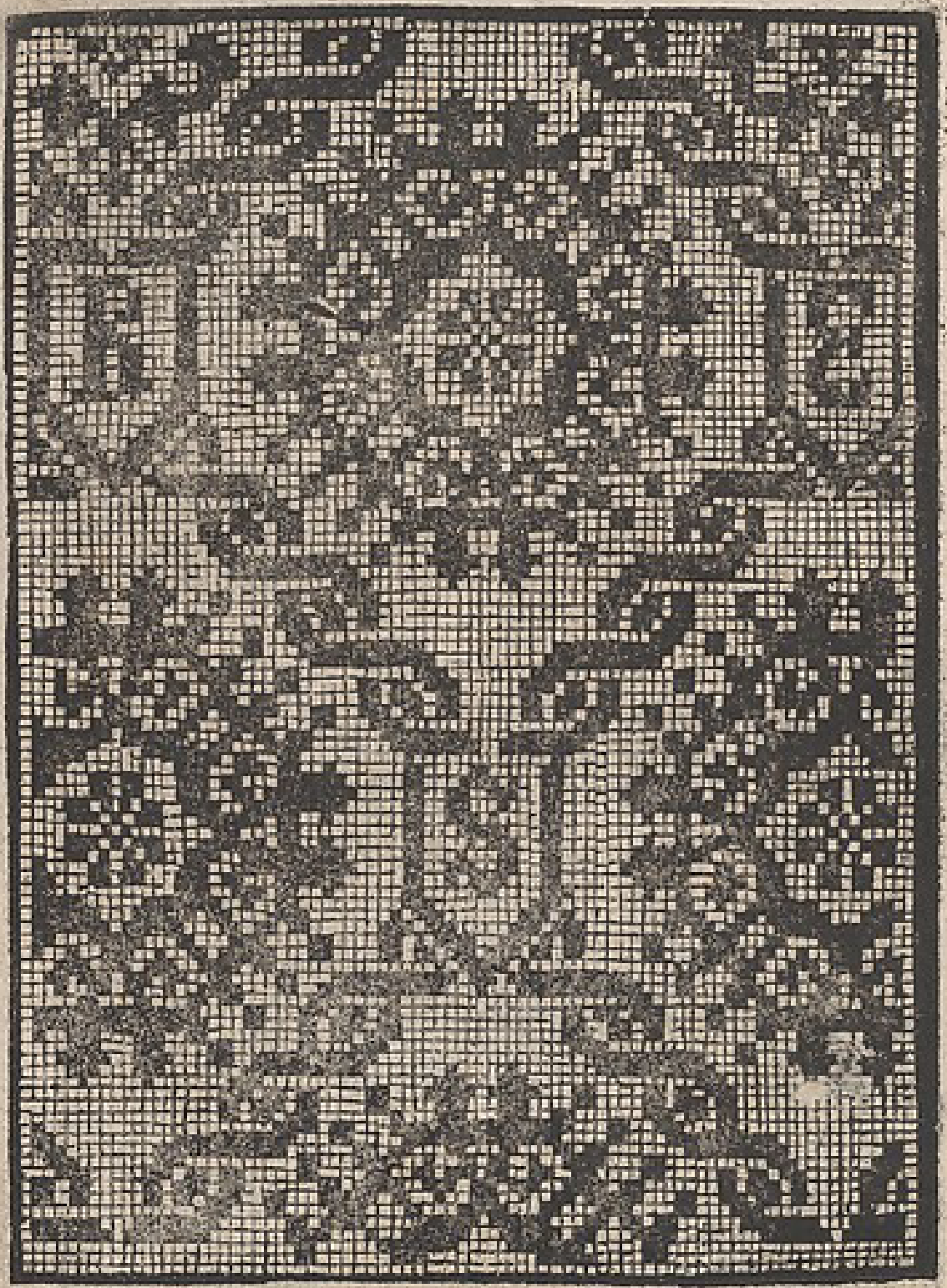




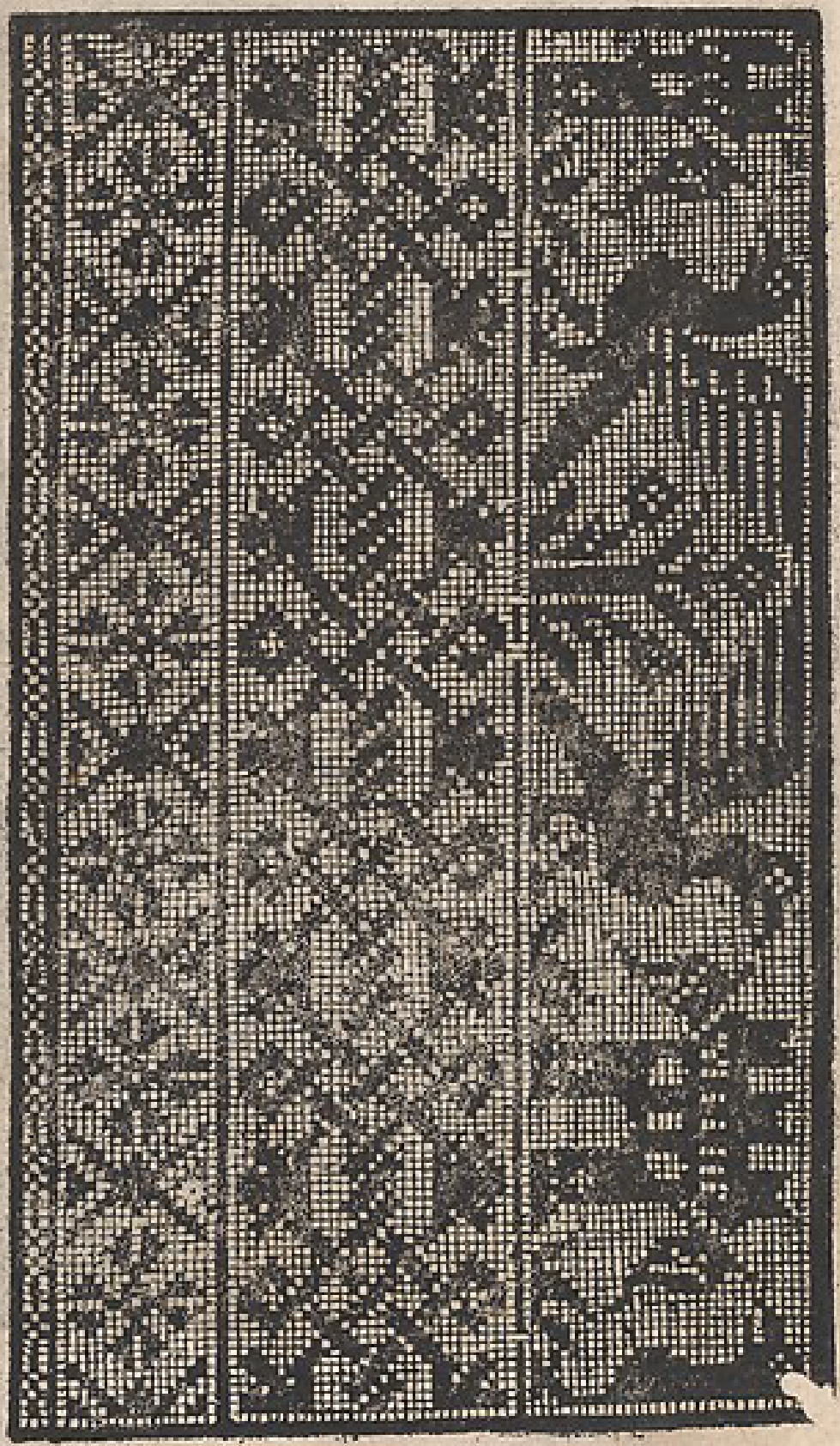

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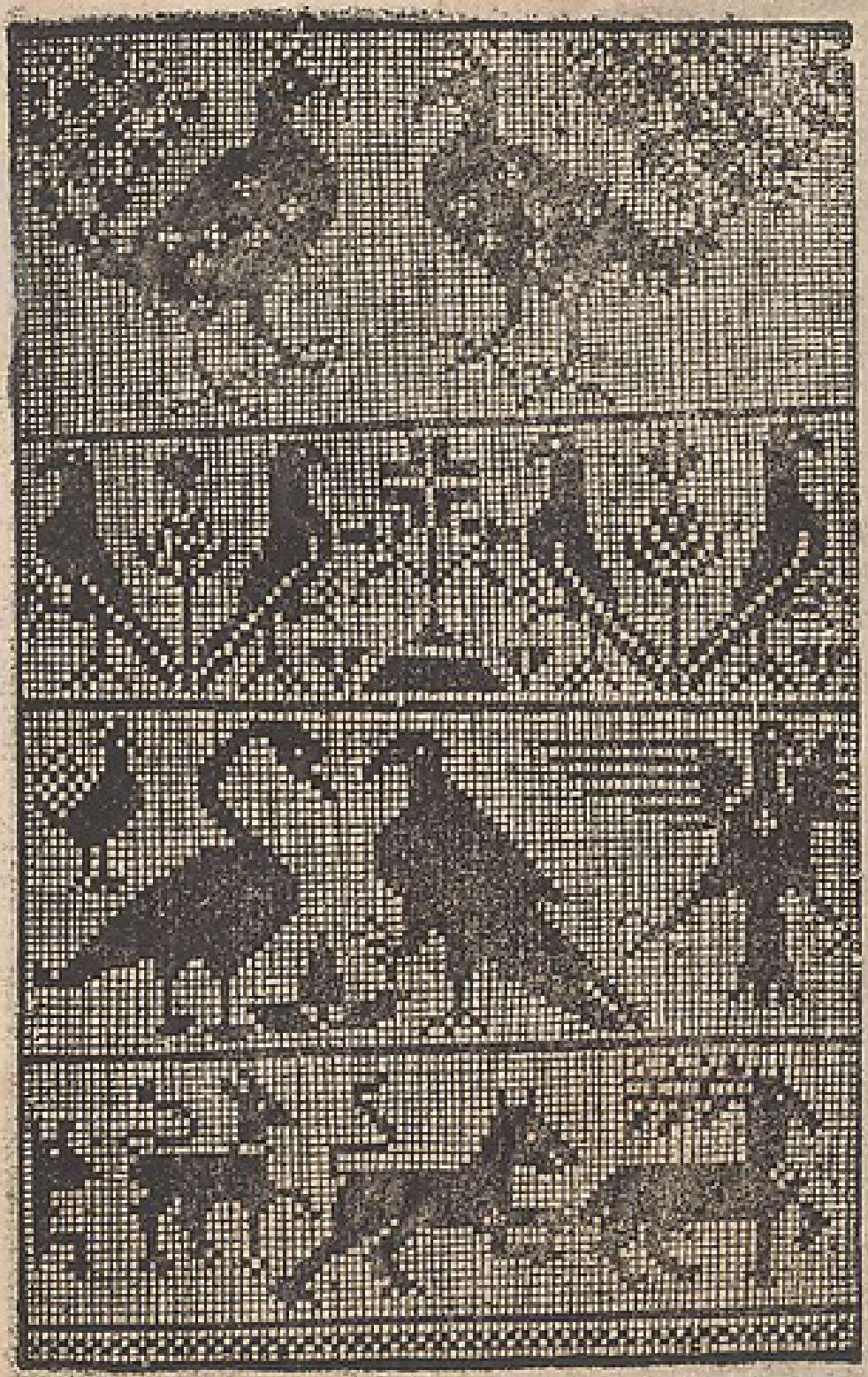




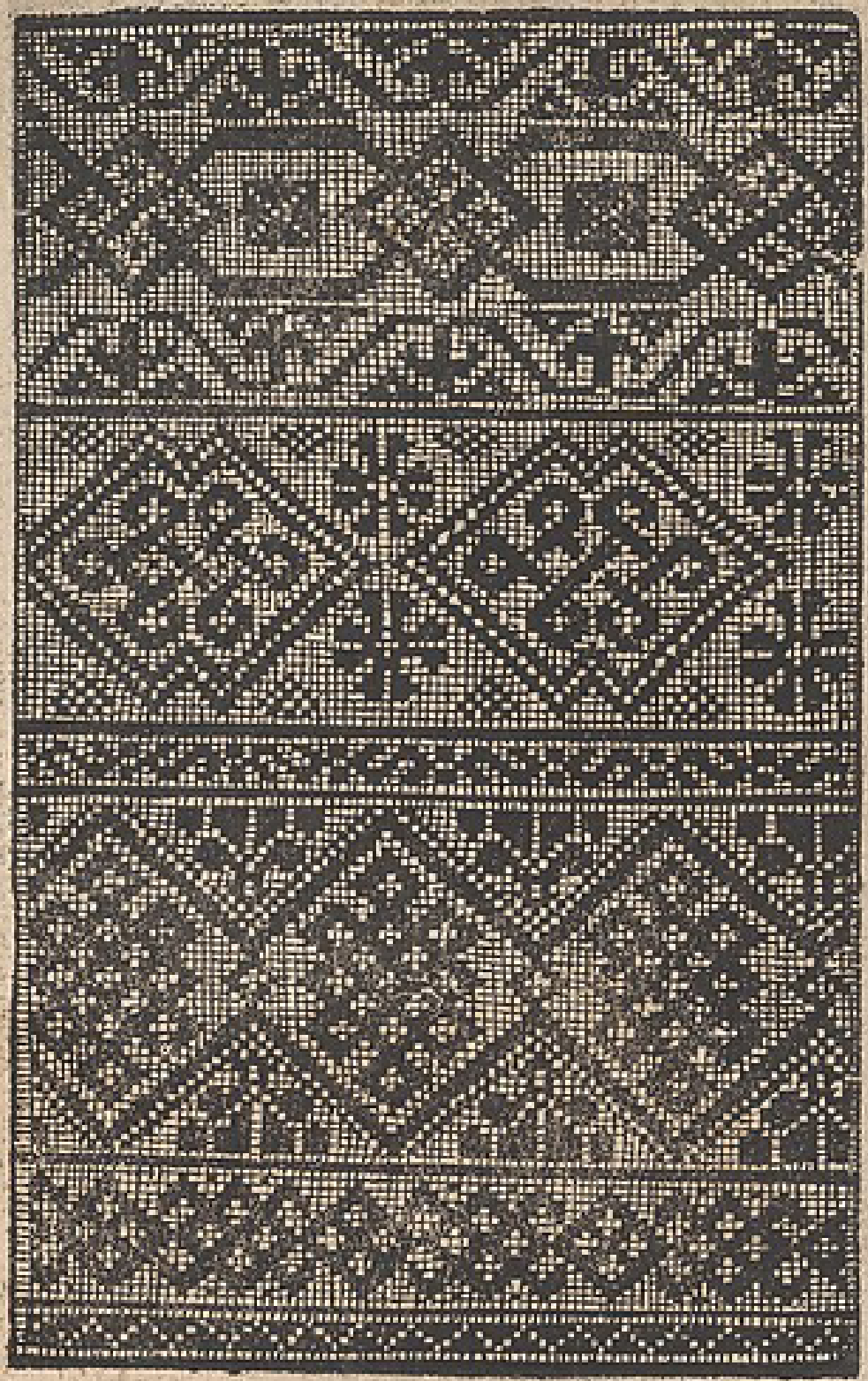


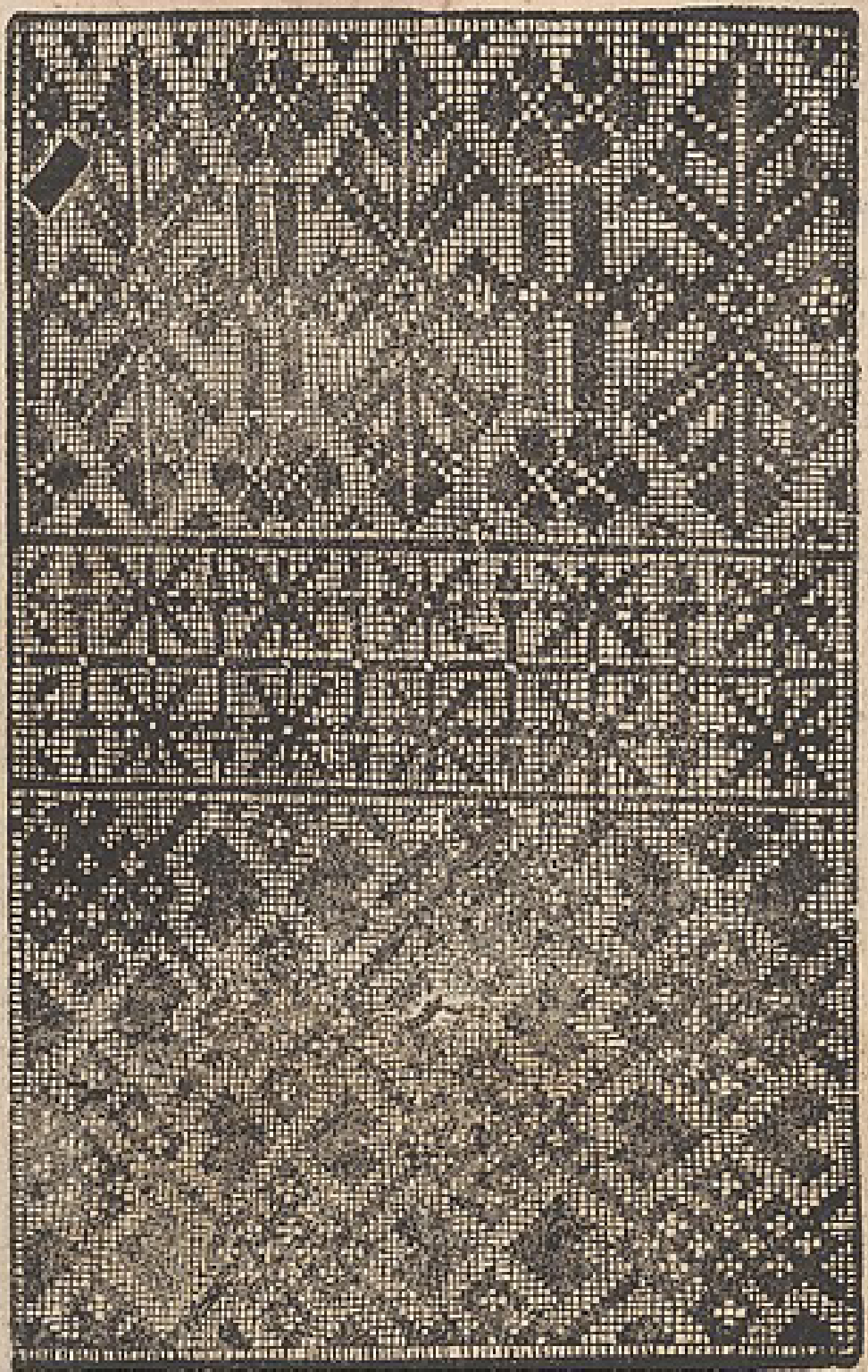






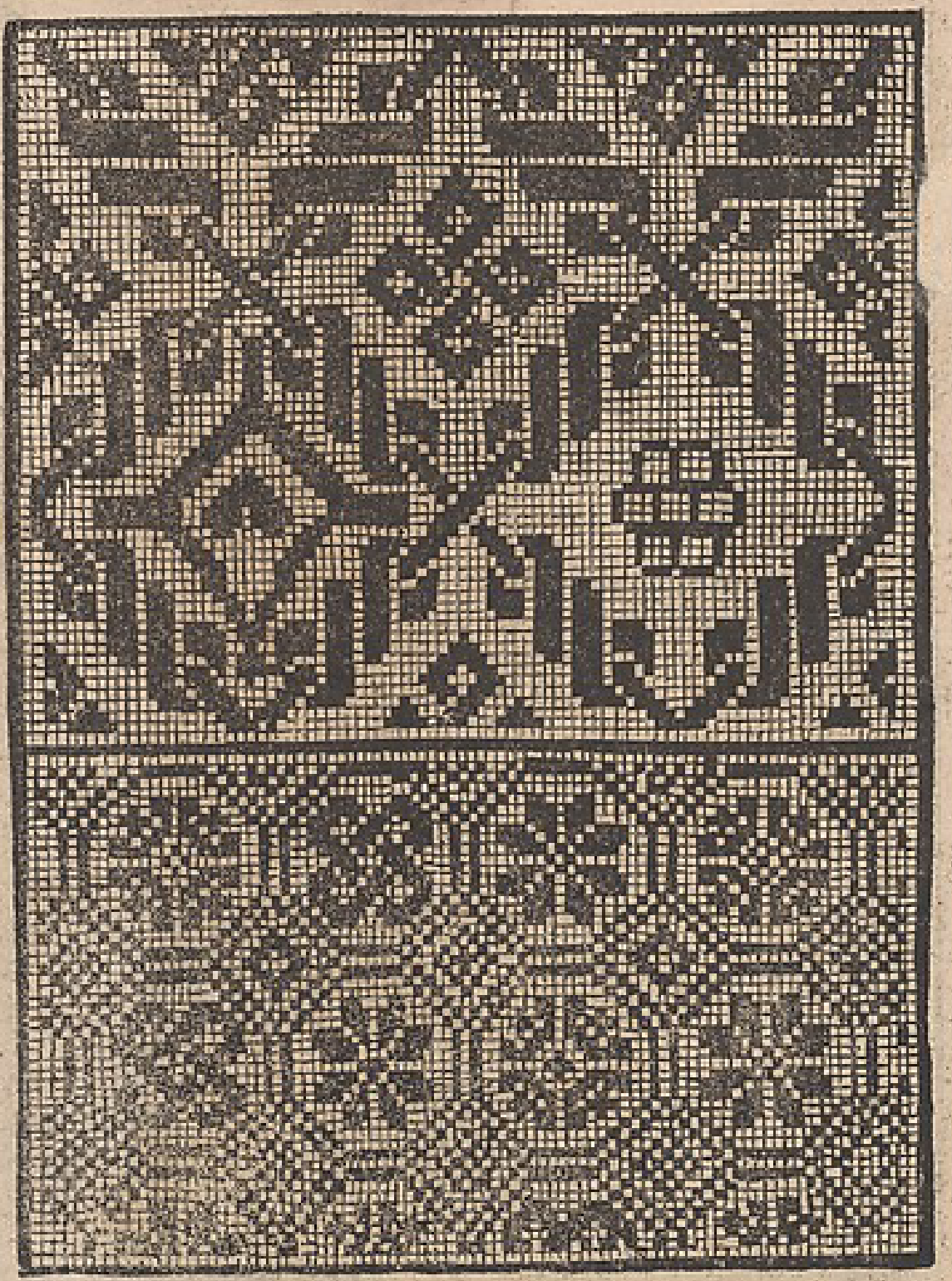


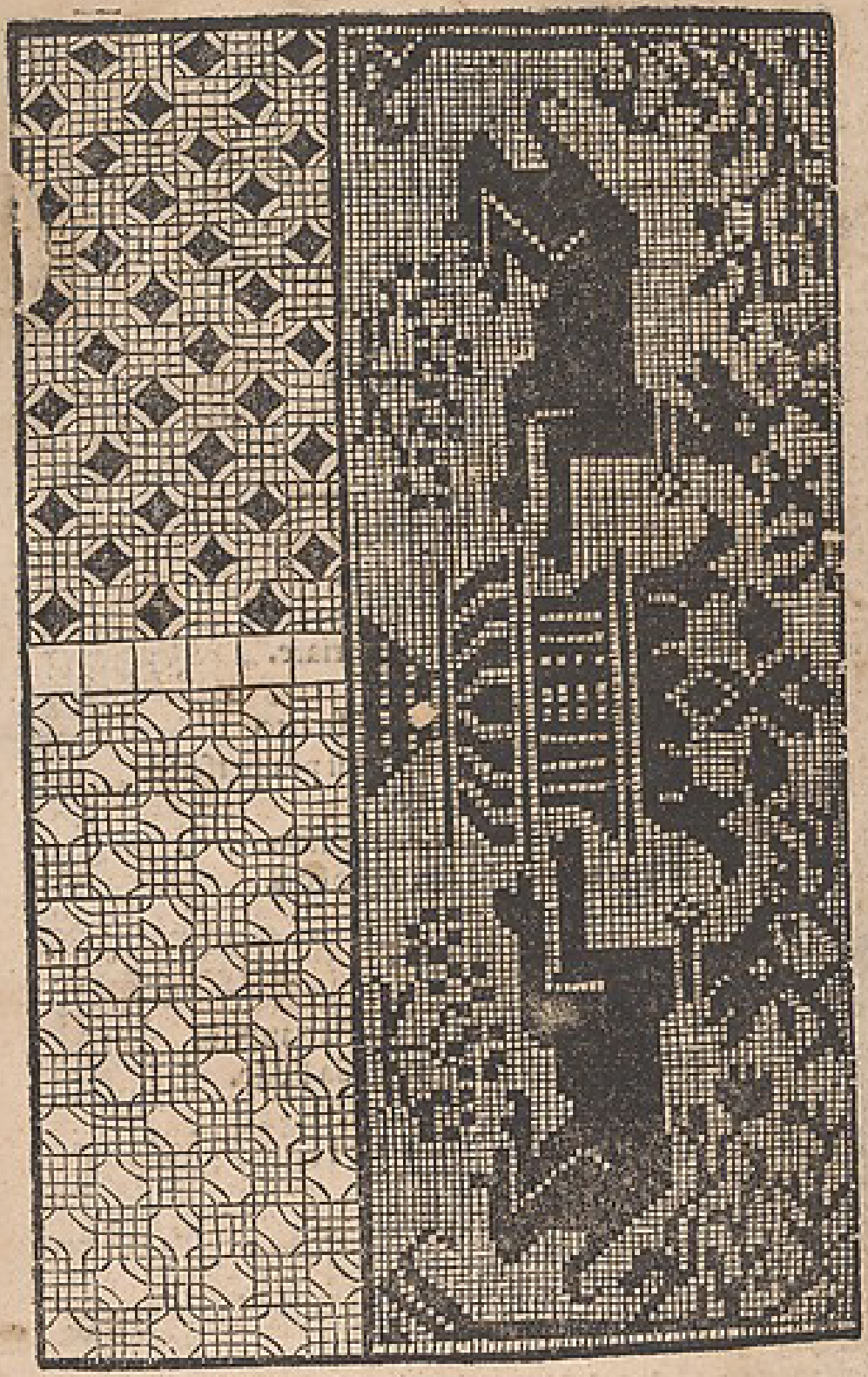












ALLE BELLE, ET VIRTVO
se madonne Matthio Pagano.

DOnne se la bellezza,e l'honestade
Vi fa risplendet,come in cielo Stelle
Virtu vi fara anchor molto piu belle
Se in lei spendeti in parte vostra etade
E a padre,& a mariti sarete grate
Se operareti ben le aguselle
E se sareti ste mie opere belle
In ogni parte sareti lodate.
Ponti tagliati qui ritrouareti
Et altri ponti c'hareti a piacere
Per scuffie,Bauari,e fazoletti,
Colar,lenzoli potrete lauorare
Se questo mio libretto comprareti
In vita vostra v'hareti a gloriare.
Pero Donne mie care.
Non stati di comprar questo libretto
Ch'in vita vostra,n'hauesti il piu perfetto
E pur io ve l'ho detto.
Che sarete lodate in tutto il mondo
Et hauetete sempre il cor giocon.

FINIS.

In Venetia per Matthio Pagano, in
Frezzaria,all' Insegna della Fede.

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